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Fires Take Heavy Toll

HAVOC IN U. S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter): At least eight persons lost their lives in a series of weekend fires which caused heavy damage to homes, business properties and public buildings throughout the United States.

A thirty-year old man and two of his three young children were burnt to death when fire destroyed their log farmhouse near Burlington, Kentucky.

A 75-year old invalid woman was burnt to death in her bed at Cincinnati, Ohio. Police blamed careless smoking. Damage estimated at between 750,000 to 1,000,000 dollars was caused in a big blaze which destroyed three stores and a hotel at Mount Vernon, Illionois.

A 350,000-dollar fire at Wabash, Indiana, razed the city's four-storey masonic temple and damaged the roofs of the city hall and five business buildings.

About 150,000 feet of hard wood was wiped out in a fire which raged for nearly eight hours in a lumber yard at Johnson City, Tennessee. Damage was estimated at 100,000 dollars.

IN INDO-CHINA

PARIS: Fire destroyed nearly a thousand straw huts in the Chinese town of Cholon, near Saigon. Agence France Presse reported from Saigon, on Friday.

Local police took special measures as they suspected the fire was started by Vietminh elements demonstrating at the arrival on Sunday of the French Minister for Associated States, M. Jean Lettourneau, and the newly appointed High Commissioner in Indo-China, General Jean De Lattre De Tassigny.—PTI-Reuter.

South Korean Executions To Be Stopped

SEOUL, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter).—The United States Eighth Army has sent an officer to the scene of Friday's mass execution of Korean civilians outside Seoul with orders to stop any more shootings.

At the same time, Captain W. H. Ellery, of the British 29th Brigade, Headquarters announced that he would not permit an execution scheduled to take place this morning to be carried out.

'Terror Regime' In South Korea Condemned

OSLO, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter).—A protest against the "terror regime" in South Korea was made today by the independent Oslo daily "Verdens Gang" as a matter which concerned the whole free world."

The paper urged Norwegian Foreign Minister Halvard Manthey Lange, now attending the Atlantic Pact talks in Brussels to take the initiative officially and powerfully

3 Congressmen Shot Dead

SECUNDERABAD, Dec. 18 (UPI).—Three Congressmen were shot dead and their property was despoiled by "an armed gang", in Lakkaram village in Huzurnagar Taluka, on the night of December 7, it is reported.

NO REPLY FROM PEKING YET

Russia Demands All Troops Must Quit

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter)

THE three-man United Nations Cease-fire Committee reported today that it had received no reply from the Chinese Communist authorities to a request for a discussion on a cease-fire in Korea.

'TERRIBLE FUMBLING' IN KOREA

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter).—Senator Estes Kefauver (Democrat Tennessee), Chairman of the Senate Civil Defence Sub-Committee has accused General MacArthur of sharing responsibility for "some terrible fumbling in Korea."

Declaring that America has "headed towards a hell of a war" the Senator said in an interview: "There has been some terrible fumbling in Korea. General MacArthur is partly responsible and so is the State Department."

MARSHALL'S LIKELY SUCCESSOR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter).—President Truman was reported by a White House source today to be considering Mr. W. Stuart Symington for the post of Defence Secretary when General George Marshall decides to vacate it.

Italian Red Chief Leaves Vienna

VIENNA, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter).—Signor Palmiro Togliatti, Italian Communist leader left here today by the Prague-Warsaw train to Russia for a "rest cure".

Sgr. Togliatti who had arrived from Rome a few hours earlier was accompanied by his 8-year-old adopted daughter. He was seen off by the Soviet Deputy High Commissioner in Austria, General Zinjev and other Russian officers.

Ship Collides And Sinks

OSLO, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter): The 254-ton Norwegian freighter "Signa" sank in the Oslo Fjord last night after being in collision with the British freighter "Silvio" (1,798 tons). All the Signa's crew were saved.

The "Silvio" which belongs to Ellerman Wilson Lines was returning from taking Oslo's Christmas tree gift to London.

PRESIDENT'S VISIT: Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Indian Republic visited Miss Maniben Patel, daughter of Sardar Patel at the latters' residence on Monday evening.

The Political Committee therefore suspended all further discussion on the Korean and Chinese problems pending a further report from the Cease-fire Committee.

It agreed to adjourn indefinitely by 50 votes to five with four abstentions despite protests from the Soviet Bloc.

India, El Salvador Israel and Yugoslavia abstained. The Committee still has on its agenda: (1) Chinese Communist intervention in Korea.

(2) The Russian complaint of aggression against China by the United States.

(3) Formosa and (4) The Russian complaint of American bombings of Chinese territory.

Mr. Lester Pearson, Canadian, Minister for External Affairs announced that the Committee sent a message to the Peking Government on Saturday stating willingness to discuss a cease fire either in New York "or elsewhere."

No reply has yet been received, but this was not unusual in view of communication conditions.

Mr. Pearson said the Committee consisting of himself, Mr. B. N. Rau of India and Mr. Nasrollah Entezam of Persia, United Nations Assembly President, had met representatives of the unified command and had "an interesting and useful discussion" on cease-fire conditions.

NO OFFICIAL CONTACT

On Friday last, the Committee tried to get in touch with representatives of the Chinese People's Republic in New York but were unable to establish official contact with them.

Informal contact was made with the Peking representatives largely through Mr. B. N. Rau.

The Chinese Communist representatives headed by Mr. Wu Hsiu-Chuan had stated that they did not have authority to meet the group officially.

The Committee then sent Mr. Wu a message and transmitted a copy to the Foreign Minister of the Chinese People's Republic Chou En-Lai in Peking

The message said the purpose of determining satisfactory conditions for a cease-fire was to "prevent the conflict from spreading to other areas."

Another aim was to end the fighting and provide an opportunity to consider what further steps should be taken for peaceful settlement of further issues.

The message said: "Since the Central Government of the Chinese People's Republic has expressed strong views on the Korean warfare and since there is Chinese participation in the warfare, the Committee wishes to discuss with your Government and the military authorities in North Korea the possible conditions for a cease-fire.

"In the interests of stopping the fighting and achieving a just settlement of the issues within the principles of the Charter, we are prepared for a discussion with your representatives here or elsewhere.

"We urge that an arrangement should be made for discussion with the least possible delay."

Mr. Pearson emphasized that there had not been much opportunity to receive a reply from Peking to the Committee's message. He therefore urged the Political Committee to give the group more time for negotiations.

"TOO NARROW"

M. Jacob Malik, Soviet member, had no objections to giving more time. But he stressed that discussion of ceasefire alone was "too narrow" a concept.

It had to be linked with the whole question of the withdrawal of foreign troops from Korea, he declared.

M. Malik said that while the group continued its negotiations, the Political Committee could profitably continue debate on the following subjects:

(1) American aggression against China:

(2) The question of Formosa;

(3) Pending resolutions on Korea and

(4) Bombing of Chinese territory by United States planes.

Mr. Malik accused the American delegation of deliberately trying to avoid discussion of these issues. This

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PLANES COLLIDE IN MID-AIR

30 French Troops Killed At Tourane

PARIS, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter).—Two Junkers transport planes collided in mid-air over Tourane (Indo-China) killing 30 French troops, the French Press Agency reported from Saigon today.

The planes were on a training flight, Agence France Presse said.

The French Air Ministry said they had cabled to Tourne for details and were expecting a reply some time tonight.

The planes were on the east coast of French Indo-China, 40 miles north of Saigon.

DEATH SENTENCE ON INDIAN

Charge Of Demanding Supplies For Reds

SINGAPORE, Dec. 17 (PTI).—After a three-day trial 'in camera,' an India rubber tapper has been sentenced to death at the Johore Bahru assizes by Mr. Justice Storry.

The tapper, Karuppayah, was charged under the Emergency Regulations (promulgated over the terrorist situation) with demanding supplies "in circumstances which indicated that they were intended for persons intending to act against public order."

On the ground that witnesses in the case would be in personal danger if their names were published, the trial was held 'in camera.'

Karuppayah gave notice of appeal. A second charge of consorting with terrorists was not taken up.

Cold Spell In City

BOMBAY, Monday.

At the rear of a western disturbance which lies this evening over Madhyabharat and is likely to move eastwards, a cold north westerly air is sweeping over Cutch, Saurashtra and the northern parts of the state of Bombay.

A cold spell is likely to prevail over Bombay City and suburbs tomorrow.

Night temperature fell markedly in Gujarat, the lowest minimum temperature this morning being 40 degree at Deesa.

The day temperature today has fallen over most part of the region. The temperature will further fall in Cutch, Saurashtra, Gujarat North Konkan and North Deccan (Desh).

The temperature in the city and suburbs is as follows:—

Colaba maximum 82 F., minimum 67 F.

Santacruz maximum 83 F., minimum 69 F.

BAN ON 'WONDER DRUG' DISTRIBUTION

CUTTACK, Dec. 18 (UPI).—The 12-year old shepherd boy, Nepali Baba of Rantalai who should have started distributing his "wonder drug" from this morning, did not defy the prohibitive order restraining him from distributing the medicine. The small congregation present near the Baba's hut was peacefully dispersed by the district authorities.

The boy's hut as well as the premises of a local press and two active supporters of the boy were searched by the police. The result of the search is being kept a secret.

SCENE OF SEARCH FOR PLANE SHIFTED

Air India Officials Work Out Possible Spot

BANGALORE, Dec. 18 (PTI).

INTENSIFIED efforts in the light of various rumours to locate the missing Air India Dakota failed to bring any definite information today also, according to a high official of Air India here tonight.

Meanwhile the centre of search has been changed to a new possible area in the Nilgiris range.

The Air India Operations Manager Captain Gazdar and Assistant Operations Manager Mr. Engineer, who reached Coimbatore this morning, made a thorough study of the missing plane's signals and they expect the possible spot would be near the Moyar River and Rangaswamy Betta, round about forty-seven to fifty miles away from Coimbatore on a bearing of 185 degrees S. in the Nilgiri range.

Two aerial surveys by light aircrafts were carried out for six hours today. The search of the area where Captain Chaves noticed some vultures will continue again tomorrow. It is understood Captain Gazdar and Mr. Engineer have requested the ground search parties of police and military to change their place of search and confine it to a small circle.

A party under Seargent Major Hattigan is now on its way to Bargur hills for search in the new area in the Nilgiri range.

Reports that pieces of an aircraft were found on Rangaswami Betta on the Nilgiris range have been received and a military search party has gone to the place.

Rangaswami Betta is a small peak towards the northern end of Nilgiris and is not marked on the map.

This clue is considered as the most hopeful because two independent reports pointing to the same facts have been received.

The land search party is already on its way and a plane also may leave almost immediately. The Nilgiris re-

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Cost Of Question On Questions

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18 (PTI).

It has cost the Government of India Rs. 2,000 to reply to a question asked by Mr. Feroze Gandhi during the last budget session of Parliament.

The reply which was given in a statement laid on the table in Parliament today, says that on an average a reply to a question costs Rs. 60.

Mr. Gandhi had asked: (A) About the expenditure incurred by Government in answering questions in Parliament in 1948 and 1949 (B) what additional staff, if any, has been appointed for the purpose in each Ministry and (C) what is the approximate expenditure involved in answering this question.

The reply, which was held over, as information was being collected, says: (A) Expenditure during 1948 was about Rs. 1,92,900 and 1949 Rs. 2,43,400. (B) No additional staff is employed to do solely this work and (C) Rs. 2,000.

The basis of calculation is explained as the "time spent by officials in various Ministries in preparing the material for reply to questions."

CHINESE MASSING FOR ATTACK?

Reds Press Against Shrinking U. N. Line

TOKYO, Dec. 18, (PTI-Reuter).

SHELLS from Allied warships tore into the massed Chinese troops pressing against the shrinking United Nations perimeter around Hungnam Port in North-East Korea today.

Big guns of the United States warships standing off-shore laid a curtain of fire around the hard pressed and isolated American garrison maintaining a deadly no man's land of flying steel between the thin Allied line and the overwhelming enemy forces

On other ports Allied air observers reported the Chinese armies facing the Anglo-American defence line in the north-west to be massing for a new attack north of Seoul, the southern capital.

But front line reports indicated that the Chinese had called a halt at least temporarily to their onslaught against the outnumbered United Nations forces.

PROBING ATTACKS

Communists launched light probing attacks in the past 24 hours but there was no sign of any big scale winter offensive.

Biggest assaults in the battle for Hungham in th enorth-east came today from a Chinese company three miles southeast of Hamhung abandoned to the enemy on Saturday. The Chinese were reported only four miles northeast and seven miles northwest of the port itself.

Carrier-based planes pounded troop concentrations buildings and rail installations.

Hamhung was heavily battered. Naval units also bombarded other Chinese installations further up the east coast.

British and Commonwealth naval units were patrolling the west coast. Royal Air Force Sunderland flying a reconnaissance and anti-mine patrols, it was stated.

An American sabre jet fighter, newest weapon thrown into the Korean War, shot down a Communist MIG-15 jet fighter in a spectacular air duel near the Manchurian border it was announced today.

The American plane is claimed to be fastest fighter in the world.

The source pointed to the continued lull along the whole front. Apart minor skirmishes and patrol activity there has been no major contact for more than a fortnight and this is said to be an indication that the Chinese had called at least a temporary halt to their drive.

British, American and South Korean patrols north of the Parallel have encountered only North Koreans and Communists in Haeju, Kaesong and Yonchon areas have all been identified as Koreans.

CHINESE STAY BEHIND

The main Chinese Communist force is ranged along the 39th Parallel—the latitude line running through Pyongyang and 70 miles north of the United Nations defence line a well informed military source said today.

He said that apart from small scattered groups of Chinese, the area between Pyongyang and United Nations troops along the 38th Parallel was occupied exclusively by North Korean units.

Miss Maniben Patel In Delhi

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18 (PTI): Miss Maniben Patel, daughter of the late Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, arrived in Delhi at noon today.

She was received at the Willingdon airport by the Speaker of the Parliament, Mr. G. V. Mavlankar, Cabinet Ministers, high officials of the various Ministries, members of Parliament and a number of personal friends of Sardar Patel.

There was hardly a dry eye when the frail Maniben Patel staggered out of the plane. Rajkumari Amrit Kaur and women members of Parliament helped her to walk up to the waiting car.

Miss Maniben Patel was accompanied by her brother, Mr. Dahyabhai Patel, Mr G. D. Birla, Mr. V. Shankar, Sardar Patel's Secretary, and Mr. Devadas Gandhi. Miss Maniben drove straight to her residence at No. 1 Aurangzeb Road where a number of friends called on her.

BIHAR OIL MILLS TO CLOSE DOWN

PATNA, Dec. 18 (PTI).—The Bihar Oil Millowners' Association has decided to close down oil mills in the Province from January 20, 1951, "till the situation improves, to allow production to be economic."

The Association maintained that the Bihar oil mills suffered in competition with Bengal and U.P. mills as there was no control on mustard and linseed oilcakes in these two neighbouring provinces or any other part of India. The latter were thus in a position to "undercut the Bihar oil price to the extent of their profit margin in oilcake", the Association said.

JUTE MILL MANAGER ASSAULTED

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18 (PTI).—The manager and several durwans of a jute mill in Garden Reach in the southern suburb were, it is stated, assaulted by workers today, following an altercation over some demands of the workers. The injured were removed to hospital. The police arrived at the scene and restored order.

Liaquat In Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, Dec. 18 (PTI).—The Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Liaqua Ali Khan arrived here from Dacca by air this morning.

This is the Prime Minister's third visit to Chittagong, East Pakistan's principal seaport.

Addressing a public meeting here Mr Liaquat Ali Khan said he was happy to find communal relations in East Pakistan had improved steadily during the year.

PROSECUTION NOT MALICIOUS

Padampat Singhania's Suit Dismissed

KANPUR, Dec. 18 (UPI).—Mr. A. C Bansal, Additional Judge dismissed the suit filed by Mr. Padampat Singhania against the Dominion of India claiming damages to the extent of Rs. 5 lakhs for the alleged malicious prosecution launched against him in Jhansi.

The facts of the case are that on January 2, 1946, Mr. Padampat Singhania was travelling in a first class compartment in a G.I.P. train. At Jhansi, one Mr. M. Dasgupta, a military officer, tried to enter his compartment over which some trouble arose. The railway authorities intervened and later Mr. Singhania was prosecuted in the Court of the City Magistrate, Jhansi, but was acquitted. After his acquittal, Mr. Singhania filed a civil suit for damages against the Dominion of India and others including Mr. M. Dasgupta and railway authorities for malicious prosecution.

The Judge dismissed the suit with cost holding that it could not be proved that prosecution was malicious

'Burglar Club' Found

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter): A "Burglar Club" of four boys and a girl aged between ten and eleven had been rounded up, police reported here.

They said the five had stolen 900 dollars in cash from private homes caused 3,000 dollars worth of damage to interiors and buried 400 dollars worth of jewellery.

BRITONS SENTENCED IN POLAND

Charge Of Trying To Smuggle Out A Girl

LONDON, Dec. 18, (PTI-Reuter).

THREE Britons received prison sentences from seven to 18 months today when a Warsaw Court found them guilty of trying to smuggle a red-haired Polish girl Barbara Bobrowska out of the country, Warsaw Radio reported.

The principal defendant Group Captain Claude Henry Turner was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment. The two other Englishmen Henry Upperton and Gordon Almes were each sentenced to seven months and the girl one year.

As the time the defendants have already spent in prison will be deducted from the sentences Turner will have to serve about 11 months while Upperton and Aimes will be released immediately.

Polish authorities removed Turner, Henry Upperton and Gordon Almes from the steamer Baltavia at Gdynia on May 18.

Group Captain Turner pleaded guilty to inviting Miss Bobrowska to leave Poland illegally in the Baltavia.

Upperton and Almes pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting the attempt.

REPORTED CONFESSION

During the trial which began on December 9 Group Captain Turner was reported to have confessed that he went to Poland on a spying mission. He was air attache in Poland in 1947 whe he met Miss Bobrowska.

He told the court he had planned to divorce his wife and marry the Polish girl.

Miss Bobrowska said she met Turner on a hunting trip and fell in love with him. She said she knew nothing of his "intelligence activities."

"I wanted to leave Poland only because I loved him and for no other reason", she said.

FORCED LANDING IN EAST PAKISTAN

Two Plane Passengers Die, Many Hurt

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18, (PTI).

ONE passenger and a crew of the Airways India Dakota, which had made an emergency landing near Tangail, in East Bengal yesterday morning, died in hospital today according to a telegram received at the Airline's head office in Calcutta.

It is understood that several other occupants of the plane are in hispital at Tangail.

Mr. K. K. Roy, Managing Director of the Airline, stated here tonight that the earlier message received by them that all passengers had reached Dacca safely was not correct.

The Associated Pres of Pakistan said tonight that the East Bengal Government had rushed an oxygen cylinder to Tangail by air today for the relief of the injured lying in hospital there. The agency added that "most of the passengers are reported to have sustained injuries."

The Dakota had left Dum Dum at 8-30 yesterday morning on a schedule flight to Gauhati with 17 passengers and four crew. After about an hour's flying, a spark was detected in the passenger cabin and the pilot made an emergency landing on the Brahmapurt river bed, about 50 miles north west of Dacca.

An agreement has been reached between the Ahmedabad Millowners' Association and the two wholesale cloth merchants' associations of the city under which the textile mills will give to the cloth merchants half per cent discount on free sale goods against cash payment and quarter per cent discount for payment after twelve days.

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Electoral Bill In Parliament

QUALIFICATIONS AND CONDUCT LAID DOWN

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18. (PTI).

THE Law Minister Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, introduced in Parliament this morning a bill to provide for the conduct of elections and other cognate matters.

The 163-clause Bill called "the Representation of the People (number two) Bill, 1950", seeks to provide for the qualifications and disqualifications for membership of Parliament and state legislatures, the conduct of elections, corrupt and illegal practices and other offences in connection with elections, the setting up of election tribunals and so on.

Among the new features in the electoral law of the country, sought to be introduced by the Bill, are the distinction between corrupt and illegal practices and the attempt to prevent impersonation by making a voters thumb or finger with indelible ink.

As in the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth countries, for the purpose of proving a corupt practice the corrupt intent must also be proved. In the case of an illegal practice on the other hand, the proif of the act having been committed is sufficient.

CORRUPT PRACTICES

Among the corrupt practices defined in the Bill, for the commission of which a candidate's election can be set aside and he can be punished, is the use of or appeal to religious and national symbols for the purpose of furthering a candidate's election. Other corrupt practices defined in the Bill include the hiring or procuring, whether on payment or otherwise, of vehicles by a candidate or his agent for the conveyance of voters to polling booths, and the obtaining or procuring, whether on payment or otherwise, of vehicles by a candidate or his agent for the conveyance of voters to polling booths, and the obtaining or procuring of any assistance from a Government employee for furthering the election of a candidate.

As regards prevention of impersonation, provision can be made, through the rule making powers of Government under the Act for the marking of the thumb of any other finger of every elector with indelible ink, at the time he applies for a ballot paper at the polling station. A ballot paper will be refused to any person having such a mark on his finger. Under the Bill, impersonation has been made a cognisable offence.

The Bill lays down the qualifications and disqualifications for membership of Parliament or state legislatures. The disqualifications laid down are generally on the same lines as the provisions in Section 69 of the Government of India Act, 1935.

QUALIFICATIONS

A person can stand for election from a Parliamentary constituency or state legislature constituency, if his name is found on the electoral roll of any House of the People constituency or Legislative Assembly constituency of that state as the case may be.

In order to minimise the possibilities of rejection of nomination papers on technical grounds, returning officers can permit the correction of any clerical error in nomination papers or the overlooking of printing or clerical errors in the electoral roll except in the case of the first General Elections, questions about the validity of a nomination paper cannot be raised before an election tribunal. The objections will have to be raised before the returning officer himself and his acceptance or rejection, subject to the decision of an appellate authority, will be final. In the case of the first General Elections, however, in view of the shortness of time, this procedure will not be followed, and the invalidity of a nomination paper can be raised before an election tribunal for setting aside an election as wholly void.

Members of the armed forces, Government of India servants serving abroad and their wives, and persons attending on official duty at a polling station in any constituency, will be able to vote through post, according to a provision in the Bill.

Persons subject to preventive detention, or undergoing imprisonment, or who are in lawful custody of the police, cannot vote in the elections.

Voting in plural constituencies will be distributive. According to this system, every elector will have as many votes as there are candidates in the constituency, but no elector can give more than one vote to any one candidate. If a person gives more than one vote to a candidate, all the votes given to such a candidate will be void.

ELECTION PETITION

The Bill also provides for the submission of election petitions to the Election Commission, the hearing of such petitions by tribunals and their disposal, the submission of election expenses and other subjects.

Instead of the present three-member tribunals, election tribunals will have only two members and in case of difference of opinion amongst the members, an appeal will lie to the high court of the state concerned. The two members of the tribunal will be appointed by the Election Commission out of a list of eligible persons maintained by the high court of the state concerned. One of the members, who will also be the chairman, will be a district judge of ten years standing while the other will be a judicial officer or advocate of ten year's standing.

Civil Procedure Code

A Bill to amend the Civil Procedure Code of 1908 was introduced in Parliament this morning by the Law Ministers, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.

The Bill seeks to extend to all the Part B states the Civil Procedure A and Part C states, excepting Manipur. The Bill also replaces the present provisions in respect of suits by aliens and by or against foreign rulers, ambassadors and envoys. In view of the constitutional guarantee to rulers of the former Indian states of their personal privileges, the provisions would also apply to them.

Air Force Bill

The Defence Minister, Sardar Baldev Singh, introduced in Parliament this morning, a Bill to give legislative sanction for the setting up of an air force reserve, with a view to augment the personnel of the air force in any emergency.

Under the provisions of the Bill, a census will be taken of the civilian technical manpower available in the country which could be utilised if occasion arose. All persons possessing certain flying or other technical qualifications will be required to furnish certain particulars to the appropriate authority and submit themselves for examination into their fitness for service. A register of such fit persons will be maintained and if and when occasion arises persons whose names are entered in the register will be called out for service. The initial period of service will be five years. The period of training will be prescribed by rules under the Act and care will be taken to see that the training is so arranged that minimum dislocation is caused to the civil employer.

Provision is also made in the Bill requiring civil employers to grant any enrolled person such leave as may be necessary and to have him reinstated in his civil employment after the termination of the period during which he has been called out. The composition of the reserve, the ranks of persons enrolled and other allied matters is to be regulated by rules made under the Act as it is intended to build up the reserve gradually.

A financial memorandum attached to the Bill, states that the size of the reserve will depend on the budgetary position every year. Until the details regarding the composition and size of the reserve and other related questions were settled, it is not possible to give a reliable estimate of the financial implications of the measure, it adds.

FOOD ALLOCATION TO MADRAS STATE

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18 (PTI): Replying to a short notice question on food situation in Madras by Mr. V. K. Reddi, the Deputy Minister of Food Mr. Thirumala Rao said today that Madras had been allotted a quota of four lakh tons of foodgrains in 1951.

He said that the north-east monsoon, which till sometime back threatened to prove a partial failure this year also, had in the last few days revived and according to the latest reports available it had strengthened over Tamilnad and widespread rain had been reported over the entire area.

For the month of December, 32,000 tons of foodgrains were allotted to Madras out of which 26,000 tons had already been dispatched. The Deputy Minister estimated that the present stock would represent three weeks supply in the state.

Srimathi Durgabhai—May I know whether the Madras Government advocated the removal of rural rationing and procurement in deficit districts and what was the result?

Mr. Thirumala Rao—I draw the attention of the House to the report of the debate on December 8 when the Food Minister announced that we are contemplating removal of rural rationing. During the recent discussion at the Food Conference of State Ministers, this matter was brought to the notice of the Government of India Food Ministry. Final decision will be taken by the Madras Government in consultation with the Centre.

CENTRE'S INVESTMENTS

The total investment made by the Government of India in industrial enterprises in the first three years of freedom was Rs. 27.45 crores, said the Finance Minister, Mr. C. D. Deshmukh, in reply to Mr. K. M. Tripathi.

The Finance Minister added that the fertilizer project at Sindri received Rs. 16.50 crores, Chittaranjan Locomotive Factory Rs. 7.87 crores, Government Housing Factory Rs. 53 lakhs, Indian Telephone Industry Rs. 92 lakhs, Indian Rare Earth Limited Rs. 36 lakhs, Hindustan Aircraft Limited Rs 1 crore and the Indian Mining and Construction Co. Rs. 23 lakhs.

Mr. C. D. Deshmukh, told Mr. K. M. Tripathi that the total foreign assets owned by the non-official sector in India on June 30, 1948 were Rs. 182 crores.

Later information, he said, was not available. The census was conducted by the Reserve Bank and it did not include assets and liabilities of Indians in Pakistan.

RESERVE BANK

The Reserve Bank of India earned Rs 14.39 crores net in the first 18 months since it was transferred to public ownership on January 1, 1949, according to a written answer by the Finance Minister to Mr. K. M. Tripathi, in Parliament today.

Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar in a written reply to Mr. J. H. Subbiah said that the amount of deposit of Hyderabad Government in Pakistan branch of the Hyderabad State Bank just before the police action was Rs. 2,18,55,214-1-9.

The Pakistan Government, who were addressed, had replied that it was not possible for them to recognise the status of India vis-a-vis Hyderabad. The question of taking suitable measures to recover the money continued to be under the consideration of the Government.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Major General Himatsinghji, Deputy Minister of Defence, said today that the target fixed for the first territorial army had not been reached, because of "poor" response from the public.

Replying to Prof. S. N. Mishra in Parliament he said that the target was 136,000 troops and the first stage so far reached represented its 70 per cent.

The Defence Ministry had decided, he added, to launch an intense publicity drive. Personally he thought that the home guards were more popular.

To another member Mr. N. G. Ayyangar said that as part of overall settlement the Nizam was paid a sum of Rs. one crore including Rs. 50 lakhs on account of his privy purse, which was payable out of the consolidated fund of India. The payment was to be made for the lifetime of the present Nizam and a fresh agreement would be entered into with his successor.

COCHIN PORT

Asked about the elections to the Hyderabad Legislative Assembly and Constituent Assembly, Mr. N. G. Ayyangar said that the intention was that instead of holding separate elections for the Constituent Assembly and the State Legislature of Hyderabad, only one election should be held along with the elections to the Legislatures of other states under the Constitution. The functions for which the Constituent Assembly was to be convened, he said, would be performed by the newly elected legislature.

Mr. Ayyangar informed Mr. J. K. Lakshmanan that a representation had been received from the Travancore-Cochin State Government that Port Cochin should be ceded to that Government. In the absence of agreement between the Government of Madras and the Travancore-Cochin Government he said, the Government of India had decided not to transfer the Port Cochin and the "Pattom" lands attached to it to that State.

FOREIGN EMBASSIES

The cost of various delegations sent from India abroad to international conferences and others between April and November 1950 was Rs. 8,18,000 as against Rs. 26.5 lakhs during 1949-50, said the Finance Minister, Mr. C. D. Deshmukh, in reply to Prof. K. T. Shah.

The Finance Minister remarked that the Economy Committee had made no specific prposal but had only suggested that the composition of every delegation should be as economical as possible. The Government's policy, he said, was to exercise the strictest economy in the matter.

The Deputy Minister for Food told a questioner that it was not possible for Government to build up a food reserve of one million tons as recommended by the Gregory report. He said that the improvement in the foreign exchange position was not such as would enable Government to build a reserve in addition to meeting the heavy demand for import of foodgrains resulting from calamitous crop and weather conditions.

WORK AS HARD AS YOUR FOREFATHERS

Sir Cowasji Jehangir's Advice To Parsi Youth

BOMBAY, Monday

Sir Cowasji Jehangir warned the young men of the Parsi community here today that they were "slacking and not doing their work."

Sir Cowasji who was addressing the Youths' Own Union on "Present-day Position of the Parsis" at the Cama Institute Hall said that only by hard work and integrity of character could the community regain the leading position it once held in the country's affairs.

Referring to the economic malaise in the community, Sir Cowasji said that it was only a passing phase. "We will recover—we are destined to be again what we were in the past." The very fact that such a small community had maintained its identity through hundred of years, he added was a miracle. It is because "we are a people who have learnt to adjust ourselves."

He paid a handsome tributes to the girls of the community who he said, had "advanced faster than the boys." He asked them to be good mothers and inculcate the qualities of hard work honesty and interity in their children. Oppealing to the young people not to put their amusement above their work, Sir Cowasji said that although the cinema was a great medium of entertainment, it was a curse.

THE SECRET

The Zoroastrian religion which gave the Parsis liberty of thought and action as well as freedom from irksome restrictions, present in other sister religions, was the secret of the success of the early Parsis. Saying that the times had changed, Sir Cowasji said that the crux of the problem of poverty was that though the standard of life had remained the same as before, the income of the average Parsi had considerably fallen today.

"Let us work as hard as our forefathers to be able to earn more. We have the grit, energy and the tenacity to do so." He concluded by appealing to the young men "to work hard for the community."

Mr. Jal Hirjibehedin, Editor of Kaiser-i-Hind and President of the YOU who presided over the meeting earlier paid a tribute to the late Sardar Patel. The house then stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect to his memory.

A donation of Rs. 1,000 to YOU was announced by Sir Cowasji Jehangir.

Salt Control Abolished

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18 (PTI).

By a notification today, the Government of India have cancelled the Salt Control Order of 1950 by which they had introduced control of prices, sale and purchase of salt in Calcutta and surrounding areas in September last. It is stated that such control is now considered unnecessary as adequate stocks are now said to be available in Calcutta area and salt is available at reasonable price.

'GO SLOW' IN ENACTING LABOUR BILLS

Chandavarkar's Appeal

BOMBAY, Monday.

A PLEA to Government to adopt a "Go Slow" policy in enacting labour legislation was made by Mr. Vithal Chandavarkar presiding over the eighteenth annual general meeting of the Employers' Federation of India held in Bombay House today.

Mr. Chandavarkar said: "Past experience has shown that it is quite easy to make laws, but extremely difficult to make use of them. We should therefore, proceed with caution and try to improve by stages. I take this opportunity of assuring Government that, while employers are bound to offer constructive criticisms and fight for their cause they will spare no efforts to see that they do conform to the letter and spirit of every enactment placed on the statute book."

Mr. Chandavarkar referred to three important labour Bills introduced in Parliament this year and said: "While the Labour Relations Bill is to be welcomed for the reason that it would ensure a fair measure of uniformity of labour conditions throughout the country, it contains, however, some objectionable provisions. Until recently, labour laws sought to cover workers alone and not the white-collared class

EMPLOYERS' INTERESTS

The most oonoxious feature of this Bill is contained in the special provisions to take over control of undertakings undtr certain circumstances. The Bill to regulate labour-management relations is certainly not the place for extraordinary provisions of this nature, and it is a matter of surprise that, when the Industries (Development and Control) Bill of 1949, which had a similar object in view, has not been proceeded with, Government should seek to make use of this Bill for a purpose for which it is not intended. We have tried our best to impress upon Government the inequitable nature and the dangerous potentialities of these provisions; but there are no indications that Government have appreciated our points of view. Functional representation having ceased to exist in our present constitution we have little say in legislative matters, as our voice is not likely to be heard in Parliament. The need is, therefore all the more today than ever before to strengthen our Organisation and to play an effective role in enlightening public opinion."

Referring to the Trade Union Bill, Mr. Chandavarkar said, "It seeks to regulte the registration and recognition of trade unions, and what little we had to say has already been brought to the notice of Government. While on this subject, it would be pertinent to make an observation with regard to the policy to be followed in the matter of recognising a union. It is a moot point whether, under the prevailing circumstances in our country, only one union should be accorded recognition. If, however, Government were to come to that decision, they should see to it that, so long as a particular union maintains the qualifications necessary for being representative in character Government and the employers concerned shall not deal with any other union. It is only by this means that a strong trade union movement can be built up in the country."

FAIR WAGES BILL

The President added: "The Fair Wages Bill seeks to fix rates of wages in certain classes of establishments with the aid of Tripartite Wage Boards and lays down certain principles for the determination of fair wages. These principles, by the very nature of the concepts therein embodied are not always susceptible of exact or meticulous definition and are, therefore, more in the nature of directive and suggestive principles to be borne in mind by the wage fixing machinery.

SARDAR PATEL

Earlier, Mr. Chandavarkar referred to the passing away of Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, and said that his death was an irreparable loss to the country. "To those of us who belong to a different school of thought," he said, "it was a pleasant surprise to find that, in tackling the problems of economic consequences, Sardar Patel knew no politics and dealt with all of us, whether Europeans or Indians, capitalists, or workers as persons who had at heart the well-being of the country. It was indeed a provilege to discuss with him the vital problems of the country and to find in his outlook that he was extremly fair and bereft of all prejudicial influences arising from political ideologies."

They Still Help Assam

	DECEMBER 14, Amount Rs.
Recd. upto 13/12/50.	39,27,293-11-11
Assam	6,314-15- 0
Bihar	326- 2- 0
Bombay	6,099-11- 0
Madhya Bharat	125- 8- 0
Madhya Pradesh	100- 0- 0
Orissa	132- 9- 0
Punjab	13- 0- 0
Rajasthan	153- 0- 0
Tripura	10- 0- 0
West Bengal	526-10- 0
TOTAL	39,41,095- 2-11

Hotel Workers To Go On Strike

BOMBAY, Monday.

The general body meeting of the Bombay Hotel Kamgar Union, claiming a membership of over 3,000 hotel workers decided late on Sunday night to go on an indefinite strike from December 25, Christmas day.

The strike will affect some of the posh hotels in the city, including Taj Mahal, Greens, Ambassador, Grand, Astoria, West-End, Bombay Gymkhana, Mirabelle and Brandon and Company.

It is stated that strike notices have already been served on the managements of these hotels.

The main demands of the Union, according to its President Mr. Mohamed Jafer, are increase in wages, dearness allowance, provisions for gratuity, provident fund etc.

He expressed the hope that the managements would act even at this late hour and avert the strike.

Movement Of 'Warai' & 'Bhagar' Prohibited

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Government of Bombay has issued an order prohibiting the movement of 'Warai' and 'Bhagar' outside the limits of Nasik and Igatpuri Talukas and Point and Surgana Mahals of Nasik District. The prohibition on movement also extends to transit through these talukas and mahals. The requisite Notification has been published in Part I of the Bombay Government Gazatte, Extraordinary, of December 15.

Certificate Course In Physical Education

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Government of Bombay has directed that the candidates appearing at the theory examination of the Certificate Course in Physical Education conducted by private agencies, should be allowed to answer the question papers in English or in any of the three regional languages of the State, namely, Gujarati, Marathi or Kannada.

Municipal Schools Body Mourn Sardar's Death

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Municipal Schools Committee today adjourned without transacting any business after passing a condolence resolution touching the death of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

All municipal schools in Bombay will remain closed on next Saturday as a mark of respect to the memory of the Sardar.

Mr. Worlikar, Chairman, who moved the condolence resolution, Mr. M. V. Donde, Sreemathi Maniben Desai and several other speakers paid tributes to Sardar's great services to the nation.

Reception To Vilayat Khan

BOMBAY, Monday.

Khan Saheb Vilayat Khan, a well-known sitar player was accorded a reception on Saturday night on the eve of his tour of Africa and Europe.

Principal B. R. Deodhar, who presided on the occasion, emphasised the need for experts of acknowledged merit going abroad as free India's cultural ambassadors and familiarise foreigners with her imperishable heritage.

BANK MERGER IN BENGAL

CALCUTTA, December 18 (PTI): The United Bank of India, comprising four big banks, originally incorporated in Bengal viz, the Bengal Central Bank, the Comilla Banking Corporation, the Comilla Union Bank and the Hooghly Bank, started functioning here from today.

Goonda's Attack Deplored

NAGPUR, Dec. 18 (UPI). — Mr. Nandkishore, Secretary, Madhya Pradesh branch of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference, in a statement to the Press today has expressed great regret and concern over the "cowardly and mean assault" made by a goonda on Mr. G. D. Karkare, Editor of the "New Leader", and a member of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference, on December 14, and appeals to the Madhya Pradesh State Government to move immediately in the matter and take necessary steps to check the recurrence of "such dastardly attacks on newspapermen."

"Such attack on journalists, if allowed to proceed unchecked, will", Mr. Nandkishore says, "destroy freedom of opinion in the country."

FRENCH ECONOMIST'S POSER

WILL 20th CENTURY SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF MAN'S FREEDOM?

BOMBAY, Monday.

PROF. Andre Seigfried, noted French Economist, tonight posed this question to the world: "Will the 20th century, which in its first half has made tremendous progress technically, solve the problem of the freedom of Man ?"

Prof. Seigfried told a meeting held under the auspices of the Bombay University that every achievement in the field of science and technique in the 20th century had given place to a new problem in the realm of economics and politics.

"Man is at stake. Will the next half of the century assure Man of his freedom, prevent him from being crippled in vitality and capacity and allow him to think and argue freely." he asked.

Addressing the meeting on "The Face of the World after two World Wars", Prof. Seigfried said "With every technical and scientific achievement, Man is losing his responsibilities, sense of enterprise, competition and vitaliy. The 20th century, the century of progress has created problems, which are before us, not behind us."

The vice of the "new world", Prof. Seigfried said, "is speed. It has tackled the angle of suppression of distances admirably. Speed has become a passion, which cannot be controlled."

"I am not worried about the problems of technique, engineering, or of science in the new world. I am confident that it will solve all of them. But will it tackle the great problem of how to deal the Man?"

Prof. Seigfried outlined at the outset the conditions of life in the 19th and the 20th centrries.

The 19th century "did not know what it was". The conditions in it gave rise to all manner of conclusions. Observers said it was a century of war, of nationalism, of protection. Others said it was one of peace, of free and liberal trade, and of the commercial unity of the world.

According to him, it was characterised by some peculiar factors. The principal one was that it was a century of facility. Trade was carried on under free conditions there was no restriction on movement. It was also a century of stability—stability in commercial exchange and in cost of production. Credit was excellent—actually France and England enjoyed outstanding credit in the monetary field. It was an era of contractual conventions which were based on "promises to pay". It was a century of confidence.

Conditions in the 19th century were generally held to be normal statutory and permanent. The English had a curious sense of eternity, which was linked with the reign of Queen Victoria.

But the First World War changed all that. The First World War firmly convinced the people that there was no going back to the pre-war days, that those happy days were never to return. "Several people who thought that a change in conditions of 19th century would come by the turn of the century were disappointed to find that 'business was as usual' during the first few years of the new century. Actually, it took fourteen years to realise that the new century was outstandingly different from the old".

The 20th: A Century of Walls.

The 20th century was markedly different from the 19th. There has been an astounding progress, industrially, technically and scientifically. The belief in the relation of "cause and effect"—determinism—has given rise to a new notion—"Statistical probability"—a new outlook on philosophy. The circulation of goods had become more difficult; the world was no longer an economic unity—it had become a world of compartments giving rise not only to military and political walls but also to economic walls. The 20th century is not noted for individual enterprise, but for collective—"nationalised"—enterprise.

Speed had become the "new century's" vice. Its consequences were significant. There was no more any possiblity of a nation remaining in isolation; there was an intellectual invasion through the media of cinema and radio; many people who would not have otherwise met, could now meet together; there was a change in the "measures of the State'—the size and power of every nation was constantly changing—the world was no longer an unity, the centre of gravity had shifted from Europe and above all, the intermingling of various people with different status of intellect and resources had created a necessity for economic defence.

The problem posed by the new century was essentially an economic problem. "What of the freedom of Man?" Scientific progress had robbed man of his vitality and capacity.

The question was: "Will the coming 50 years of this century solve the problem of the freedom of Man?"

Prof. C. N. Vakil, Director of the School of Economics and Sociology, was in the chair.

SAVARKAR'S APPLICATION DISMISSED

(Before the Hon'ble the chief Justice and Mr. Justice Gajendra-gadkar)

V. V. Savarkar ... Petitioner
Vs.
The State of Bombay ... Respondent.

Their Lorships on Monday at the Bombay High Court, dismissed an application filed by the petitioner for modification of the undertaking given by his father V. D. Savarkar, the well-known Mahasabha leader, not to take part in any political activity for one year or until the next general elections (whichever was earlier), on which the latter had recently been allowed to be released from detention. The petitioner urged that his father should be allowed to attend the forthcoming Poona Session of the Mahasabha without making any speeches.

In dismissing the application, Their Lordships stated that as the earlier order of the High Court releasing Savarkar from detention was based on a solemn undertaking acceptable to both parties, and as the Government objected to the present application 'inter alia' on the ground that it had not been made by Savarkar himself but by his son, the present application could not succeed.

Mr. K. N. Dharap, Mr. N. D. Dange and Mr. D. P. Dhupkar appeared for the petitioner.

The Government Pleader appeared for the State.

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Greatest Tragedy In Indian History

CORPORATION MOURNS DEATH OF SARDAR

BOMBAY, Monday.

"WE must pledge all our loyalty to Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, the Prime Minister who is now left all alone and forlorn," observed Mr. S. K. Patil, Mayor, at the Municipal Corporation this afternoon during his speech on a condolence resolution with regard to the death of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Mr. Patil said that Sardar Patel's death, was one of the greatest tragedies which had overtaken the country. India was singularly unfortunate that within 40 months, the nation had lost Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation and the architect of India's freedom and Sardar Patel who consolidated that freedom. It was a national disaster of the highest magnitude. In this context, formal tributes to the memory of the great man, were impossible.

During the last 35 years of Indian history, there was no event of the highest magnitude with which the Sardar was not associated. When the history of modern times came to be written, it would be a revelation to many as to how many strings the Sardar held in his hand and how much he had done to advance Indian freedom and to consolidate it.

SIMPLE AS CHILD

Known as the Iron Man, he was really simple and tender as a child. He had solved the complex problem of Indian States within six months, inspite of the fact that the problem was so knotty that it would have baffled the cleverest politicians. Since 1919 his life was rich with events of national importance. It could never be forgotten that the work of unifying the country by wiping out feudalism, had been done by the Sardar with grace and generosity and tact. He had the statesmanship of Bismarck and Garibaldi, though he did not have the armies of the former or the revolutionary forces of the latter. He had achieved impossible tasks, by character and will power. Truly the nation had been orphaned by his death.

The following resolution which was moved by Dr. T. R. Naravane, was passed all standing:

RESOLUTION

"That the Corporation have learnt with profound sorrow the sad news of the death of the Honourable Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister of the Indian Union, and ex-President of the Indian National Congress who dedicated his life to the service of the Motherland, whose share in the Country's struggle for independence with unwavering faith and steadfast integrity contributed in no small measure to the achievement of Freedom and whose great statesmanship and wise leadership steered the Country safe through the great storms which followed partition and by whose death Bharat has lost a revered leader, an ardent patriot and an administrator who unified India and consolidated the foundation of Freedom.

(2) "That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the family of Sardar Vallabhbhai with an expression of the Corporation's sympathy in their sad bereavement.

(3) "That as a mark of respect to the memory of Sardar Vallabhbhai the Corporation do now adjourn without transacting any business today."

Mr M. Harris, speaking as a humble "ex-soldier" in freedom's fight said that it was a great life and a shining example to future generations.

Dr. J. A. Collaco said that though physically the Sardar was dead, his imperishable spirit would inspire men for long time to come.

Mr. Asoka Mehta said that people had realised what a void Sardar Patel had created by his death. Of all national leaders, he was most truly Indian and one of the earliest of the State builders. His stature and greatness were undimmed. He was not only the St. Paul of Mahatma Gandhi, but also the St. Paul of nationalism who had kept all anarchic impulses in the Congress in check.

Mr. B. A. Dalal said that the Sardar was the friend of all communities. India had lost a friend, a guide and the people a father.

Mr. A. N. Najmi said that only twice in history India had been united, once under Aurangzeb and now under Sardar Patel.

Mr. E. E. Cockram associated himself with the sentiments expressed on behalf of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. B. K. Patel, Municipal Commissioner said that words could not adequately convey an idea of the Sardar's greatness. He was a maker of modern Indian history. He believed more in action than in words. The best tribute to him was to do what little one could to serve the country.

Messrs. K. K. Shah, Ganpatishankar Desai, G. G. Morarjee, S. A. Kadar, Hirjibhai Patel, J. D. Daruvalla, M. Deshpande. M. A. Latif, Mrs. Sulochana Modi and Mrs. Shuffi Tyabji also spoke.

HELPING VISITORS TO SECRETARIAT

Work Of Enquiry Office

BOMBAY, Monday.—With a view to enabling members of the public who come to the Secretariat, to get necessary information and guidance on the spot, the Government of Bombay opened an Enquiry Office in the Secretariat on December 17, 1947. The following is a brief review of the services rendered by it to the people during the last three years.

Over 2,00,000 men and women representing a cross-section of society walked into the Enquiry Office for inquiring on innumerable subjects. Apart from routine inquiries, fantastic queries were also made by some persons and these too were attended to.

Typical is the case of the old man from the suburbs who took up the challenge to "solidify mercury" which feat he claimed none had performed so far. Hundreds of inquiries on land and all offshoots arising out of land, refugee rehabilitation, pass-ports, educational matters, labour disputes—etc., etc., all subjects with which the Government is concerned and not concerned were tackled by the Enquiry Office.

The office attended to about 30,000 telephone calls from members of the public. Complaints and letters in scores were received in writing and all of them were either answered or looked into departmentally.

The office and residential telephone numbers of the Enquiry Officer are 27810 and 60421, respectively.

Medical Stores Employees' Grievances

BOMBAY, Monday.

"The civilian employees of the Armed Forces Medical Stores Depots under the Defence Ministry are discontented by the Ministry's inexplicable attitude towards their long-standing grievances and the chances are that a clash may occur unless wiser counsels prevail," says Mr. M. R. Anant, General Secretary of the Union.

One of the chief grievances, according to the Union, is that on redesignation of a large number of clerks to storemen in the various Depots their annual increments have been unjustifiably postponed indefinitely.

The Union's spokesman Mr. Anant added: 'This is admittedly an anomaly created by the Ministry itself and it passes me why its correction should be 'under consideration' for years together."

All-India Refugees' Conference

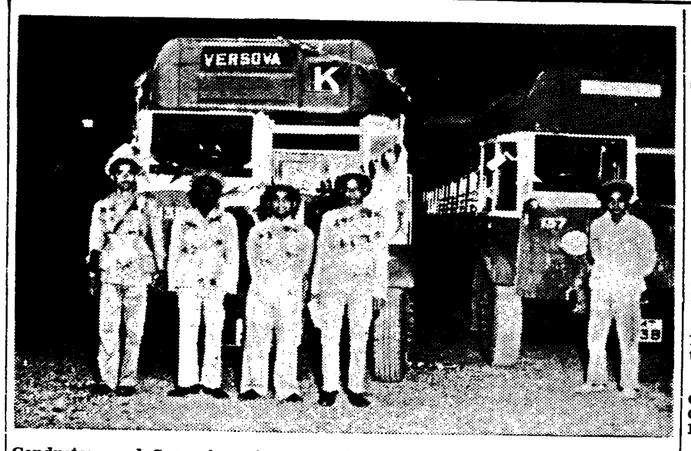
BOMBAY, Monday.

The All India Refugee Conference will be held on December 23rd and 24th at Poona. Shri Ramkrishna Dalmia has consented to preside over the conference.

Over 2,000 delegates are expected to attend from all over India.

Six organising committees with the following as their Chairman has been appointed.

Mr. Thakurdas Agnani, Mr. Khanchand Gopaldas, Mr. K. K. Shahani, Mr. Shivaldas Hargundas, Mr. Thawandas Veromal and Mr. Ramchand Talreja.



Conductors and Supervisors in front of the first bus that moved out of the B.E.S.T. Undertaking's Depot opened on Sunday morning.

NEW B.E.S.T. BUS DEPOT AT SANTA CRUZ

BOMABY, Monday.

The first B.E.S.T. bus trundled out of the B.E.S.T. Undertaking's new Santa Cruz Depot at Ghodbunder Road in the early hours of Sunday morning. The event marked another stage in the expansion of the suburban services since the take-over at 24 hours' notice of the former Bandra Bus Company's entire routes on October 1, 1949.

There was a short informal ceremony to mark the inauguration of the Depot.

At present there is provision only for 30 buses, over a developed area of about 12,000 sq. yards, but the huge depot, when completed, will occupy a site of 84,000 sq. yards and will accommodate 100 buses besides having a workshop and garage to complete the services.

The new Depot fills a long-felt need for the maintenance of a quick and efficient suburban bus service. It will be serviceable in three main directions—to lessen the "dead mileage" (empty buses till now started all the way from the King's Way Depot six miles away); to provide on-the-spot mechanical attention and thus reduce needless detentions on the line; and generally to increase travelling facilities for the growing number of suburban passengers.

The Depot stands on a prominent site just behind the old aerodrome near the Juhu beach.

Disturbance Over East Rajasthan

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Dec. 18 (PTI).—The following is the daily weather summary for December 18, 1950.

A secondary western disturbance lies over East Rajasthan. It is likely to move eastnorth-east wards.

Weather has been dry over the country except for a few light showers in Assam, East Uttar Pradesh and North Madhya Bharat.

Night temperatures were markedly below normal in north-west India. Temperatures near freezing point were recorded at some stations in and near north Rajasthan.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL THE EVENING OF 19TH: Rainfall will occur locally in Assam, Sub-Himalayan West, Bengal, North Madhya Bharat and North-west Madhya Pradesh. A few falls of rain are also expected in East Uttar Pradesh, Vindhya Pradesh, Travancore and the hills of West Uttar Pradesh.

Night temperatures will fall appreciably in the Punjab (India). West Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Saurashtra and Gujarat and rise in Vindhya Pradesh, East Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Chota Nagpur.

The following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, with total rainfall from October 1 1950 and departure from normal recorded at 08-30 hours I.S.T. on Dec. 18, 1950.

Akola 9 57 0 0.1 minus 2.7, Bangalore 78 59 0 14.2 plus 5.4, Baroda - 49 0 90 -, Bhavnagar 88 56 0 0 minus 1.2, Bhopal 84 56 0 0 minus -, BOMBAY 85 67 0 1.4 minus 1.6, Calcutta 80 60 15.8 plus 10.3, Cherrapunji 60 - 0 19.8 minus 2.5, Cochin 85 71 0 18.9 minus 2.3, Cuttack 81 58 0 11.3 plus 4.2, Delhi 76 41 0 0 minus 0.8, Gwalior 79 53 0 0.1 -, Hyderabad D 85 53 0 2.1 minus 1.7, Indore 85 54 0 0.1 minus 1.9, Jaipur 73 46 0 0 minus 0.8, Jamnagar 81 49 0 0 -, Kodaikanal 68 45 14.0 minus 10.3, Lucknow 77 47 0 0.1 minus 1.5, Madras 82 56 0 118 minus 18.1, Multan - 32 0 0 minus 0.3, Mysore 79 - 0 7.5 minus 1.4, Nagpur 87 52 0 0.5 minus 2.7, Ootacamund 73 37 0 13.2 minus 2.3, Pachmarhi—52 0 0.2 minus 3.1, Patiala 75 35 0 0 -, Patna 77 53 0 0 minus 2.8, Poona 91 56 0 2.8 minus 1.9, Raichur 85 64 0 5.2 plus 0.9, Rajkot 84 51 0 0 minus 0.9, Ranchi 82 56 0 1.3 minus 2.5, Shillong 57 38 0.8 10.5 plus 2.1, Simla 56 42 0 0.3 minus 2.1, Trichinopoly 85 67 0 9.1 minus 5.1, Trivandrum 87 - 0 14.5 minus 4.9, Udaipur 85 39 0 0 minus 0.8.

'Quake Shock

POONA: An earthquake shock of slight intensity at its origin with epicentre near lat. 28 degrees N. long. 96 degrees E. in North-east Assam about 1650 miles away from here, was recorded by the Seismographs in the meteorological office, Poona, at 00 hours 27 minutes I.S.T. today.

The recorded talks of Swami Sivanandji on "Fundamentals of Religion" will be broadcast from the Bombay Station of the All India Radio on December 24 at 9-45 p.m.

TODAY'S RADIO

TUESDAY December 19.

METRE BAND:— 7-30 a.m.—25, 31 and 41; 9-30—19 and 25 11-30—13 and 19, 12-30 p.m.—13 and 19; 4-30—13 and 16; 6-30 13 and 19, 9-30—13, 16 and 25.

AIR NEWS FROM DELHI

English 08-00, 13-30, 18-00 21 00; Hindi 08-15, 13-40, 18-10, 21-15; Urdu 09-00 Punjab 08-30, 20-15, Bengali 07-30, 12-50, 19-30 Tamil 07-15, 14-00, 19-15. Telugu 07-00, 13-50, 19-00, Kannada 07-45, 19-45, Malayalam 07-30 19-30 Marathi 08-30, 12-50 20-00 Gujarati 08-45, 13-00 20-15.

BOMBAY

244 m., 07-40 Prog., 07-45 Hindi lessons, G, 08-15 Y. B. Joshi, deskar, 13-40 Cl. concert, 16-20 School broadcast, 17-30 Mehra Minoo Bhabha & party, G geets, 17-45 V. S. Kamat, bhimpalas, 18-10 G. Rasool, sitar, 18-30 Y. B. Joshi gaud kalyan, 19-00 Amritlal, G bhajan, 19-10 Locals, 19-20 M. M. Bhabha & Party, G geets, 19-30 V. S. Kamat, gaud malhar, 19-45 For industrial workers, 20-30 A Marzban's G drama, "Pappani Panchati", 21-15 Air artist, Compositions of S Betai, by air artist, 21-30 R. Crookes, tenor, 21-45 S. K. Muranjan's talk, E, "Bombay's emergencies as a financial centre", 22-00 Brains Trust, E.

VARIATIONS: 353 m., 07-35 Mangal prasad, 08-00 G. Rasool, sitar. 08-45 A. P. Warerkar, M songs. 12-45 Tantrakari, 13-00 Madhoor gani, 13-50 Purandardas bhajan, 17-30 For Children, HU 18-00 A. P. Warerkar, bhavgeet, 18-20 For villages in M and at 18-50 in K, 19-30 Commercial news. 20-15 Hindi lessons, M, 20-30 M. V. Rajadhyaksha, puran lokat, 20-45 V. M. Kulkarni's poetry recitation. M, 21-00 G. S. Yellapurkar, K songs, 21-30 Film songs, 21-45 G. Rasool, sitar, 22-00 Y. B Joshi, baghesri kannada.

BARODA

250 m., 8-15 As in Ahmedabad. 18-20 P. Sagar, bhajan 18-30 For rural listeners, 19-00 Hindi lessons., 19-15 As in Ahmedabad, 19-30 Air chorus, 19-45 P. Sagar, bhajan. 20-10 Locals, 20-30 Film songs. 21-15 P Sagar bhajans, 21-30 V Y Kantak, Book review 21-45 Radio orch.

AHMEDABAD

326-1 m., 08-15 V. Khan, sitar, 18-20 Air artist, bansari. 18-30 R. Vyas, folksongs, 18-45 Dwandwa geets, 19-00 Hindi lessons, 19-15 R. Varma's G talk on 'The art of satire', 19-30 For industrial workers 20-00 Locals, 20-05 Malti Chitre, bhajans, 20-30 Bansari par shankara, by air artist. 20-40 R. Vyas, geet, bhajan. 21-15 V Seth. 21-30 As in Baroda.

Tributes To Sardar

All-India Radio, Bombay, will broadcast another programme of tributes to the memory of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, on Tuesday, December 19, at 10-00 p.m.

Among the speakers will be the Hon'ble Dr. Jivraj Mehta, the Hon'ble Mr. M. P. Patel, Mr. Justice N. H. Bhagwati, Asoka Mehta, Cowasji Jehangir, Jiwanji Dayabhai Desai and Frank Moraes.

The programme can be heard on all the wavelengths of Bombay.

Reminder To Motorists

BOMBAY, Monday: Motorists are reminded that quarterly payment of tax on their cars falls due on the 1st of January 1951. The last date for payment of the tax (i.e. the date to which the period of grace extends) is 15 January 1951, in accordance with the Bombay Motor Vehicles Tax Rules of 1940. Those who make payment after that date are liable to a monetary penalty, so states a press note of the Western India Automobile Association.

A.I.C.C. Meeting As Scheduled

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 18: The A.I.C.C. session scheduled to meet in Ahmedabad during the last week of January will not be postponed on account of the sad demise of Sardar Patel, observed an official spokesman of the G.P.C.C. in an interview.

It is also learned from circles who were close to Sardar Patel that on his sick bed in Delhi he had expressed keenly his desire that whether he is present or not the A.I.C.C. must meet at Ahmedabad.

CITY & SUBURBS

TODAY

Hindu: Magsar Shud 11, 2007.
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Avval 9, 1370.
Parsi: Tir 18, 1320.
Sunrise 7-6 a.m., Sunset 6-6 p.m.
Hightide 07-22, 21-50.
Lowtide 02-00, 14-44.

Today's Engagements

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION: A meeting of the Corporation will be held today at 3-30 p.m.

ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY: Capt. H. J. Miller will address on "Classification of Ships", Greens Hotel, 1-45 p.m.

THE YOUNG MEN'S HINDU ASSOCIATION: Geeta Jayanti celebration, Convocation Hall, Mr. Justice N. H. Bhagvati presiding, 6 p.m.

"THE CHILDREN OF NEW CHINA" EXHIBITION, opening by Mr. D. N. Pritt, Cama Hall, Fort, Bombay, 6 p.m.

BOMBAY BRANCH ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY: Prof. E. L. Rodrigues wil read a paper on "Indian Novel in English," Town Hall, Bombay, 6-15 p.m.

BOMBAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY: Mr. Sali Ali, the Society's delegate to the tenth International ornithological Congress at Uppsala, to speak on his travels, B.E.S.T. Conference Hall, 6 p.m.

THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT STAFF QUARTERS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, VADALA: Gita Jayanti—Ubhaya Mimansa Panditharaja Acharya T. A. Venkateswaran Diskhitar will inaugurate the celebrations at "Gandhi Asram", Association premises, 8 p.m.

OVERSEAS MAILS

BOMBAY, Monday.

The next despatch of overseas mails from India for Great Britain and Ireland, Europe, Central and Southern America, British, West Africa, Gold Coast, Nigeria, Mediterranean countries, Egypt, Arabia and Aden will be made from Bombay on December 22, 1950 by P & O. R.M.S. "CHUSAN."

Mails arriving in Bombay Foreign upto 12 noon on December 22 will be included in the despatch subject to limit of shipping space.

The next despatch of overseas mails from India for Western Pakistan (parcel mails only), Iraq and Iran will be made from Bombay on December 23, 1950 by B. I. M. S. "DARESSA."

Mails arriving in Bombay Foreign upto 6 p.m. on December 22 will be included in the despatch subject to limit of shipping space.

Forward Contracts In Oil-Seeds Illegal

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Bombay Government has extended the provisions of the Bombay Forward Contracts Control Act, 1947, to all varieties of oil-seeds in Greater Bombay.

Under the Act it is illegal for anyone to enter into forward contracts of more than seven days' duration in any variety of oil-seeds.

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The Pulse Of The City

GOLD GANG BROKEN: The Rummaging Department of the Bombay Customs claim they have broken up an international gang of gold smugglers with the haul on Sunday of smuggling gold worth Rs. 10,00,000. Ten hours after they had laid their hands on Rs. 5,50,000 worth of the metal, they held two passengers at Santa Cruz aerodrome, one from Rome and another from Colombo, each carrying Rs. 2,50,000 of the metal in the false sides of their suit cases.

APPEAL ADMITTED: The High Court on Monday admitted a habeas corpus petition of Majsoob Sultan Puri, a well-known Urdu poet who had been detained from December 1949 for inciting persons to use violence against the Prime Minister of India.

HOMAGE TO LEADER: Students of the Jai Hind College on Monday paid their homage to Sardar Patel at a condolence meeting.

BANKMEN'S DEMANDS: Two hundred employees of the Bombay Provincial Co-operative Bank have submitted a list of demands to the management suggesting that their pay scales be brought in conformity with the scales recently laid down by the Banks Tribunal.

HOTEL WORKERS TO STRIKE: Three thousand employees of some of the leading hotels in the city will go on an indefinite strike from Monday next. The decision was taken at a general body meeting of the Hotel Kamgar Union on Sunday.

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Gita Jayanti week organised by the Central Government Staff Quarters Residents Association, Vadala, will be inaugurated by Ubhaya Mimamsa Panditharaja Acharya T. A. Venkateswara Dhikshitar at the Association premises at 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

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The Bombay Chronicle

NEW ALIGNMENTS

The Soviet protest notes on German rearmament to Britain and France alleging violations by these countries of treaties with Russia may indicate that Moscow's efforts to bring Western Germany under communistic influence have failed. But it is not likely that the Russians will give up trying, for Western Germany, especially Berlin, serves them as an ideal spot to keep a constant pressure on and irritate the Western democracies. All efforts to blockade Western Berlin in the past were defeated by the air lifts which the Americans and the British arranged so efficiently. The present protest has arisen out of the West's decision to rearm Western Germany and admit its armed forces into the Western Europe and North Atlantic groupings of Powers. The development indicates the new aligment which is taking place in Europe.

In their notes to France and Britain the Russians charge that the two Governments have already come to an agreement with other Governments "regarding the establishment of a German army in Western Germany, regarding the sending into this army of many Hitlerite generals and officers and also regarding measures for the restoration of the war industries, including the war industry of the Ruhr which has repeatedly served as the basis for the rebirth of German militarism and German aggression." It is not difficult to answer this argument for even if revived Germany fights Communism by the side of the democracies there is no reason to think that there will be a revival of German militarism. Moreover, on the charge that the Democracies are absorbing old Nazi Generals, it is open to the West to retort that Soviet Russia has already done this and more thoroughly. Recently the organ of the American Federation of Labour published an impressive list of German Nazis who had been "re-educated" by Russia and were being used in the Soviet Zone. The names printed ranged from Generals to politicans and professors. In the new conditions that have arisen in the post-war world, the old ideologies have ceased to have any meaning. Nobody is thinking today in terms of a probable clash with revived Nazism and from all accounts the ex-Nazis themselves are busy adjusting to the changed climate of Europe. The only purpose that dead Nazism serves in propaganda for the public and that too has but a limited field to work in a world divided between the rival camps of Communism and Democracy.

From the Truman-Attlee statement to the latest declaration of the American President, everything points to a rallying of Western Europe to resist Communist encroachment. In such a mobilisation of resources, it is absurd to think that Germany can be left out, despite the traditional fears of some Western Powers of German militarism. What Russia's protest indicates is a fear that faced by the Communist threat Western Democracies are closing in their ranks. It is a belated attempt to divide the West in Europe as it has been divided in Asia. Russia forgets conveniently that she herself has intiated the quarrel in Germany by seeking to spread Communist ideas in Western Germany, after consolidating her position in the Eastern sector. There can be a truce to the quarrel only if both sides agree to abstain from all attempt to spread their ideologies amongst people over whom they are placed. But even if there were such an agreement, neither could trust the other to implement it honestly. In the circumstances all protest from either side can only be hypocritical. For neither fears Nazism or revived militarism as much as they fear each other. And in politics the immediate fear always drives out the more remote. Both Communism and Democracy have defeated Nazi-Fascism; neither has scored a decisive triumph over the other. Out of this fact, the new alignments in Europe have grown.

Politics And Local Bodies

The All-India Conference of Local Bodies has criticised States Governments for superseding badly-run Municipalities It suggests that instead of suspending them, such local bodies should be dissolved and the electorate given a chance to send better representatives. There will be a great deal of sympathy for this view and not the least from men in the States Governments themselves. In these days when there is a scarcity of administrative personnel, the failure of a local body is a further strain which Governments may well dislike. But with the party system holding sway even in local bodies, fresh elections are not likely to correct abuses that were prevalent in civic affairs. So long as men on local bodies regard themselves as occupying a privileged position in public life and ignore the importance of their representative capacity, these abuses must continue. Under the existing conditions, the wonder is not that so many local bodies have to be suspended but that more are not done away with. The time that a council or corporation devotes to civic affairs, is deplorably small compared to the time it wastes on trifles arising out of political issues which could be fought out in other spheres. Even in a highly sophisticated body like the Bombay Municipality, we see on occasion the majority party supporting a line of action and the minority opposing it for no reason except party opposition. Sometimes, on the same day, sides are changed with little logic in it. If it is appreciated that in the best of Indian cities there is a woeful lack of civic amenities, organisations like the Local Bodies Conference would be more concerned with correcting a system which allows these conditions to continue and even bars any sincere attempt to change them than with upholding the "prestige" of local bodies. It will be generally agreed that we need a different type of member on our local bodies. And it is fairly obvious that under the existing circumstances it is unlikely that we shall ever get it. But that a conference of Local Bodies should not pay the least attention to this very important point will strike the most casual observer as a curious fact. A little of the desire to make one's environment better than it is and serious attention to local problems would go a long way to avert the suspension of such bodies. We are afraid that the attempt to make a political issue of it and to condemn the States Governments will not lead to better Municipal work.

It has been argued that the local body is the training-ground of the politician. It could be that if those who went into them were not politicians to start with. But in India at any rate the intrusion of the politician has resulted in reducing Municipal affairs to politics instead of their giving members an opportunity to come to grips with human problems and acquire a capacity for tackling details. There was a time when men in the Municipalities devoted their whole attention to civic questions: and, when they grew interested in matters figuring on a larger canvas, made way for others who could devote time and energy to work in the smaller sphere. This, however, no longer holds true. And both national and civic affairs suffer as a result. The Congress as the best organised group which contests all elections, might well give a striking lead by accepting a non-party basis for candidates to local bodies, selecting men and women who have to their credit work in different areas. It could go even further and refrain from contesting seats where men with a record of solid work in local body elections. Even this will not be more than a beginning and it would be well if conferences of the type which met recently in Delhi, devoted some attention to problems of Local Bodies, not the least of which are connected with securing the right type of representatives. The suggestion that fresh elections to a badly run body will produce better men, is not a very plausible one. It does not spring from a reasoned approach to the subject and it is advanced merely as a measure to stave off supersession. Self-preservation is a poor goal for public institutions to pursue.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The way to gain a good reputation is to endeavour to be what you desire to appear.

—SOCRATES

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT.

"During the past two years Stalin has made it increasingly clear that he wants war, not peace", Mr. Wallace declared.

His peace drives have been merely for propaganda under cover of which he could commit aggression.

'He is driving straight towards a communist dominated world.

"Russia's Dream of world dominance is pure insanity", Mr. Wallace continued in his article in "Reynolds News".

— Mr. Henry Wallace of the United States.

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At a refugee function in Patna, Shri M. S. Aney, the Governor of Bihar, said "I will say nothing about the Indo-Pakistan settlement and the alleged improvement of relations between the two countries....."

We had better say nothing about this gubernatorial statement especially about the word "alleged".

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The Secretary-General of the Pakistan Cabinet has announced that his Government has a new plan for Kashmir which will be presented to the United Nations after the meeting of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers.

Item one of the plan should be—after sympathetic consideration by several Commonwealth Prime Ministers, of course——the naming of India and the people of Kashmir as joint aggressors.

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Pakistan's Minister for Kashmir Affairs, Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad Gurmani, has declared in a threat to the United Nations that inside Pakistan, the failure to act over Kashmir was resulting in a rising tide of criticism, both among friends and opponents of (the Pakistan) Government.

We have always suspected that Kashmir was Pakistan's diversion against other issues in Pakistan.

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The Indian Consulate in Hanoi is reported to have completed arrangements for the evacuation by air to Calcutta of the wives and families of Tongking's Indian community in the face of a threat to the city by Viet Minh forces.

With due apologies to France, the West and the U.S.A., we think the Indian Consulate has been wise.

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The "Economist" of London has highly praised Mr. B. N. Rau, his efforts at Lake Success and India's Chinese policy, according to a Reuter report.

We must naturally thank the "Economist" for its tributes. And then, we must confess to feeling rather uncomfortable over this unusual kindness to anything Indian.

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Sir Oliver Franks, British Ambassador to the USA, says Britain is not convinced that China would always obey the orders of the Kremlin.

Not even China and the Kremlin are convinced that China will obey the orders of the Kremlin "always".

Our London Letter

WASHINGTON AND AFTER

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

LONDON, By Air.

MR. CLEMENT ATTLEE, the Prime Minister of Britain, is back after his momentous parleys with Mr. Truman, the President of U.S.A. Only as the future unfolds itself the effect and influence of the conference will be revealed. It will have influence though it may not be able to halt the crazy career of the crisis.

Indeed, the British Prime Minister has brought no assurances that the anxieties and concerns of the last few weeks have been removed. Fear of entanglement in China still taunts our mind. Mr. Attlee has failed to convince Mr. Truman of the wisdom of letting Chinese occupy their rightful place in the Security Council and the United Nations Assembly. The assurance regarding the use of the atom bomb is not sufficient to comfort the people. Yet, the feeling here is that he has helped in steadying public opinion. Mr. Truman has expressed his readiness to negotiate with the Chinese. Nobody knows how negotiations could be carried on with China if she is treated as untouchable. But the very expression of American readiness to negotiate has brought comfort to a people who only last week felt that events, over which they had no control, were pushing them on the road to war. They now feel that for the moment at least they can breathe easier.

The British people do not like to be called appears. They hope that Mr. Attlee's visit to Washington has assured the Americans that Britain would not compromise principles in an attempt to appease the aggressor. But they point out that agreeing to just demands of China should not be called appeasement. The aim of Britain is to avert a war with China. War can be averted only through a negotiated peace, and negotiation involve give and take. Unless we are prepared to give something, there would be no sense in starting negotiations. The improvement in the military situation in Korea offers another opportunity to set the mechanism of negotiation working. In London it is earnestly hoped that the move of the thirteen Arab and Asiatic nations would succeed. And if it succeeds, negotiations, as the "Observer," says, would become inevitable

HOMAGE TO INDIA

India's efforts for peace have the blessings of the British people. "We are proud to associate ourselves with the magnificent and sustained efforts which are being made by the delegates of India and Pakistan, says the Socialist 'Leader'. "Amongst all the nations there represented these appear to be the only two who have not given up hope and who are still striving at the eleventh hour to avert the final and culminating disaster. How well we remember the sneers of our own militarists when India was given her independence." The Indians will never be able to govern themselves", they said. The disappearance of the British Raj would mean chaos and anarchy in India." We knew this was nonsense then and we said so. We knew the militarists were wrong as they have always been wrong during the course of human history. India is now showing the world how to avoid universal death." Mr. Hannen Swaffer says, "we must thank Nehru for his persistent striving to limit the Asian conflict."

The 'New York Times' says, "India's attitudes are respectfully taken into consideration by the Western powers. But believes that India's tactics— present and planned—towards the Communist China would seem to be founded more on hopes than on politics or diplomacy. The underlying hope is that Communist China will cease being guided by Moscow's interests and one day will come to believe that Chinese interests lie not in its being a junior partner with the Soviet, but in friendly relations with the other great power, India. To reach that happy day, Indian delegates say, the United Nations should admit Peiping, the United States should give Formosa to Communist China and perhaps follow through with economic aid. It is not a new Tito we are thinking of, say Indians, but something much more modest simply an independent China that can choose for itself."

But the Indians, say as the journal, have come up with no answers to a few pointed questions such as: When the Cominform takes over all of Asia but your country, what makes you think they won't be planning a few things for you. And what bargaining power will you have to use against the Soviet".

In Britain there is no fear of Communism taking over Asia. In fact, there is belief that if China is handled in just and proper manner the march of Communism may be halted. It is the denial of justice that breeds Communism. Hunger, suffering oppression are the allies of Communism. If Asia is to be saved from Communism, it will be saved not by refusal to remove the legitimate grievances of China but by efforts to bring sunshine into the lives of the long suffering millions of that continent.

POWER PATTERN MUST CHANGE

Whatever may or may not happen in the immediate future in the Far East, global peace will not be assured unless the present power pattern is changed. The basic pattern is rivalry between Russia and America. American occupation of Japan could only be regarded by the Soviet Union as a threat. Communist victory in China neutralised this threat. Then came Korea and American neutralisation of Formosa. The present situation in Korea means a swing in favour of Chinese. This situation may undergo change as a result of another event. This game, if continued too far, might lead to disaster. The Big Powers should meet together and come to understanding by making mutual concessions. The British people would be delighted if such a conference were held. Don Bateman, Socialist writer, has suggested to Mr. Attlee to go to Moscow and meet Mr. Stalin.

Russia, it is widely believed here does not want war. But if Germany were armed, as the Atlantic powers propose to, she might react violently. The Soviet Union recently warned that she would not tolerate attempts to revive German army. This warning has not been taken seriously. But many believe that Russia was quite serious in giving the warning and that the arming of Germans might produce another crisis.

GENERAL MACARTHUR

General MacArthur continues to be the target of attack in this country. MacArthurism, says Hannen Swaffer, made likely a large scale war with China to which our masses are unitedly opposed. The Socialist 'Leader' says that "Britain must now tell the world that she is not going to tag along behind the MacArthur bandwagon, and if Americans are intent upon a war with China, then Britain is having nothing to do with the adventure." The 'Observer' does not like criticism of the General but says it is impossible to keep complete silence about the General because he signally fails to keep silence. Almost daily now in the American press he figures in special interviews expressing his views on the political aspects of the war in Korea. His opinions are plainly at variance with those of the Commander-in-Chief, President Truman and of the United Nations. Such a situation offends against the cardinal principle that soldiers should not usurp the political authority that belongs to Governments ...The interests of peace, and the prestige of the United States, cannot help being damaged if General MacArthur's political pronouncements are not curbed by his undoubted superior, the President of the United States."

Tom Driberg, member of Parliament, says even in defeat, MacArthur seems to be a stronger man than those who are supposed to be his masters; he does not lie low he thrashes out widely, still playing politics and by implication, criticising both Truman and U.N. Mr. Driberg asks if MacArthur can be sacked. In the present condition of American opinion it is unlikely Mr. Truman will dare to sack the General. But there is little doubt that the earlier he is removed the better it will be for everyone. While he continues in supreme command, there will always be a danger of his saying or doing something that may result in hampering moves for securing settlement by negotiation. War, as Clemenceau once observed, is a very serious business, much too serious to be left to soldiers." If the General is not sacked, the least that should be done is to keep him in control.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Evictions Of Ex-Servicemen

With reference to the statement issued by the Military authorities on the evictions of ex-servicemen I would like to point out the following facts:

1. The authorities state: "This accommodation is required for the serving personnel of the armed forces stationed in Bombay. There is an acute shortage of accommodation and there is a long waiting list....As this accommodation was urgently required the Government of India passed the Government Premises Eviction Act 1950 early this year." This should be compared with the statement of the Defence Minister made in Parliament on April 1, 1950, "Most of the buildings had now become surplus to the Government requirements and the owners wanted their vacant possession to....Most of the buildings coming under this act were situated in Bombay and Calcutta." Further the 'Times of India' published on its front page on February 9, 1946, a statement by Brig. Southgate saying that these buildings will not be required by the Defence Services anymore. And that all the three Defence Services were committed to the derequisition of these buildings.

It is further pointed out that before the war that the Army and the Navy never requisitioned a single civilian building through the garrison in Bombay was very large.

I am prepared to assert that there is no real waiting list and this accommodation is being extravagantly used and wasted.

2. It is wrong to say that ex-servicemen are unauthorised tenants. I quote again the Defence Minister, "It was not possible for the Government to charge rent....because such an action would amount to their being recognised as authorised tenants." Further no officer has the authority to permit anyone to live in an accommodation paid for by the public exchequer for a single day. How then was it possible for ex-servicemen to continue to occupy their flats for four years and more? It is obvious that certain facts are being withheld.

3. On a further check up it has been found out that of the 87 families to be evicted only two were offered alternate accommodation which was old, discarded and condemned huts ments at Sholapur, where they were permanently employed. The remaining 85 families were not offered alternate accommodation. It is definitely wrong to say that they were.

4. It was further stated that no evictions took place during monsoon. This again is not true. Several families were evicted during May, June July in Sion, Mahim and other places. It was only after the agitation became vocal that the Government of India ordered stopping of evictions.

5. It is again not true that most of the ex-servicemen have appealed. Many of them have already been evicted. Out of the 90 served with notices only 40 have appealed.

6. I quote another statement of the Defence Minister, which is being ignored, "He would assure the House that it was not the desire of the Government to put displaced personnel to any hardship." At least five such families out of 22 have already been evicted.

7. When the Bombay and the Central Governments know that it is impossible to obtain accommodation without Government orders or without spending large sums of money a statement like, "These ex-serviemen had ample time to make their own arrangements after the Act was passed" has no meaning.

—S. D. WATTS,
President, National Society of Ex-Servicemen.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Perfecting Rolls

The Government of India is leaving no stone unturned to make the electoral rolls as perfect as possible and meet opposition criticism. The Election Commission has extended upto January 15, the period for filing claims and objections for inclusion in the electoral rolls. The period will be further extended in areas, like Bombay, where the rolls are being published in more than one language. The rolls were first published in the beginning of November and complains were made that there were large scale omissions of voters' names in some areas. As reports indicate very few people are coming forward to remedy this. It is either due to indifference or lack of civic sense on the part of the general public. They do not realise the full implications of adult franchise. It is the duty of all political and non-political organisations to educate the public on this subject and make the full use of this extensions to get as many eligible voters on the roll as possible. The Congress Committees are already working in this directions. The opposition parties should also do the same, instead of just blaming the authorities for omissions. But the biggest service can be performed by small non-political organisations persuading their members to inspect the rolls and get the omitted names entered. Apart from politics, they could impress on their members the importance of their civic rights and duties by means of lectures and debates.

The authorities should also meet these organisations halfway by providing them with every facility to get fresh names entered to produce accurate and complete electoral rolls.

"Frontier Gandhi"

The continued incarceration of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan by Pakistan is painful news. It becomes more so because the great Frontier leader is 71 years old and ailing. He is reported to be suffering from severe headaches, indigestion and rheumatic pains. It is an irony of fate that one of the leading men, who hastened the advent of freedom for both India and Pakistan, should lie rotting in jail. By right he was due to be released last September as he had earned special remission for good conduct from the jail authorities but the Central Pakistan Government withheld this concession and ordered his indefinite detention. Is it because Pakistan fears his popularity so much? We hope that the question of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan will be raised when Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru visits Karachi next month. Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan has not many more years to live before him and, if Pakistan is afraid to grant him his freedom on their soil, they should at least offer to send him to India, who will welcome him with open arms. It is doubtful whether the spirited "Frontier Gandhi" would accept such an offer but at least Karachi can absolve part of its guilty conscience by making such an offer.

Gold Smuggling

During the last four days over a million rupees worth of gold has been seized at the Santa Cruz air port. It highlights the alarming rate at which gold is being smuggled into this country. Attracted by the high gold prices, smugglers have been bringing this precious metal in Arab "dhows", ships and by air liners. It is suspected that unless some of the crew was party to the crime it would not have been so easy for the gold to reach India. Greater details about what are the smugglers' contacts in this country and how gold is being disposed off are lacking either because the police are ignorant of them or keeping them secret for a round up. It is to be remembered that the Bombay Customs acted on the warning sent to it by the Continental police who were on the track of an international gang of smugglers. We hope that the local authorities will be more vigilant now.

Timely Warning

It is a commendable move by Nationalist Sikhs to come out in organised opposition to the reactionary and harmful communalist campaign which is being carried on by a vociferous section of Sikhs under the leadership of Master Tara Singh. They have held a convention which has issued a warning to the Panth that "communalism in any form in the administration is bound to injure the best interests of the Sikhs, in particular, and of the minorities, in general,, and therefore, should not be countenanced under any circumstances." And the convention particularly emphasises that the formation of new States on a communal basis is "bound to lead to fissiparous tendencies in the body politic of the country" and that consideration of such questions should be postponed. All this is sound and wise advice in the interests of the Sikhs themselves as well as the general interests of the country. A border territory like East Punjab needs, first and foremost, consolidation both territorially and nationally rather than division territorially and communally. The communalist leaders are working for division which will grievously weaken the entire area and seriously harm all the people of East Punjab including the Sikhs no less than the country. Any one gifted with any commonsense about problems of a country's defence can see it. And, martial Sikhs particularly cannot be blind to it.

Potential Danger

But that is not the only danger in the communalist policy pursued by the Tara Singn section of Sikhs. To riddle the administration, as they seek to do, with communalist distinctions and reservations is bound to create avoidable antagonisms and lead to harmful consequences not to the majority but to the minority. In any modern state, communalism brings injury to the minority. For the latter, it is not a safeguard against dangers but an exposure and an invitation to those dangers. If Master Tara Singh is incapable of realising this, other Sikh leaders should. So far as Master Tara Singh is concerned, however sincere and genuine his motives, he has, unfortunately surrendered himself to blind passion and prejudices. The result is that he is perpetrating absurdity after absurdity — not the least remarkable example of it being his reported sympathies for communalist principles and programme of the Hindu Mahasabha! We are glad the Nationalist Sikhs have sounded a warning to the Panth against men and principles who represent serious potential danger to the country, to the nation and equally certainly to their own community.

OF ALL THINGS

Uncanny Prophet

WHILE the Wright brothers were only flying kites, when Marie Curie had never dreamt of any substance called radium, and when Marconi had not even thought of sending messages through air, an amazing Frenchman, who never indulged in scientific eyperiments, came out with a series of astonishing predictions in the fields of astronomy, physics and aeronautics. He never travelled widely, yet he was hailed by geographers for his accurate description of places he had never seen.

About a hundred years ago when science was still in its infancy he visualised polar icecaps melted by atomic power and millions of fertile acres added to the land surface of the world, weather under man's control, with climate made to order and deserts turned into garden spots, interplanetary travel with projectiles racing towards Mars and Venus, a giant sky-scanner to see the life beyond the sky, flying machines and phono-telephote (television).

This man was Jules Verne.

He was born in 1828. He started life as a Parisian stockbroker, but his aim was to become a writer. He meddled with metre and rhyme for some time, but gave it up finally as hopeless. It was at this time that he met Felix Nadar, a balloonist and his imagination was sparked. He sat down to write a history of ballooning. He wrote for days together and finished it in a few months. He submitted the manuscript to the publisher Pierre Hetzol who knew nothing about ballooning, but a lot about the way to sell. He returned it to Verne with suggestions for revision. The suggestions were accepted by the author, but out of the revision came out an entirely new story called "Five Weeks in a Balloon."

It was a piece of fancy as airy as the subject. The publisher accepted the work. Verne was given a contract to write two books per year on 10,000 francs each for 20 years. Meanwhile, Felix Nadar went on with his scheme of flying in a giant balloon. This incident boosted the sales of the book to thousands.

In "The adventures of Captain Hatteras" Verne daringly predicted the discovery of the North Pole almost half a century before the event actually happened. The new kind of story and fancy kindled the fire of imagination in many. Then followed many of his most daring predictions. In his "From the Earth to the Moon" written in 1866, Verne so plausibly explained the lunar flight that many letters came from readers eager to go along when such voyage was undertaken.

Scientists, explorers and inventors credit Verne's books with many of their works. Admiral Byrd who first flew over the South Pole said, "It is Jules Verne who guides me."

It was 1905: he was on his deathbed in Amiens; officials spread the streets with straw so that the dying man would not be disturbed by the clatter of the horses' hoofs. It is an irony of fate the man predicted submarines, planes and cars died at a time when the horse was still supreme.

But no more the phrase 'like something out of Jules Verne' will have any meaning.

THREE TOWNS FALL TO NEPALI INSURGENTS

Biratnagar Siege Continues

PATNA, Dec. 18 (PTI).

BHOJPUR, Headquarters of Nepal's number 4 Eastern District of the same name, about fifty miles north of Biratnagar, has been captured by Nepali Congress insurgents led by Lieutenant R. P. Rai and Narad Muni Rai, according to Congress reports received here this evening.

Two other small towns, Bingla and Khotang, about 12 miles north-east and 20 miles south-west of Bhojpur, have also been captured, the reports added.

The insurgents are reported to have seized a large stock of arms and ammunition, including hundred rifles from the Bhojpur armoury. A wireless transmitter set has also fallen in their hands.

PRISONERS FREED

Jhapa, Headquarters of the sub-district of the same name in Morang District, 40 miles east of Biratnagar, was captured by the insurgents on Friday last, according to another Congress report.

The insurgents have taken control of the bazar area, the jail, the police station and the military barracks. Ten prisoners, including two members of the Nepali Congress, were released from the Jhapa jail. Eight State troops are reported to have been taken into custody.

The situation is unchanged in Biratnagar and the siege of the barricaded Governor's residence continued for the ninth day today.

Another encounter between the insurgents and State troops is reported on the Kosi banks resulting in the withdrawal of State troops with several injured.

4 MEMBERS OF RANA FAMILY INTERNED

Alleged Sympathy With Nepali Congress

PATNA, Dec. 18 (PTI).—Four members of the Rana family — Colonel Prithadshumsher, a nephew of the Prime Minister of Nepal, Lieutenant Dayamon Shumsher, nephew of the Nepalese Consul at Calcutta, Captain Pawanshumsher and Mr. Narayan—are under virtual house arrest in Khatmandu, according to Nepali Congress sources.

Orders have been passed, it is stated, restricting their movements outside their houses for their suspected sympathy with the Nepali Congress.

About 200 students of Trichandra College, the only college in Nepal, except seven belonging to the Rana family, are reported to have gone on strike demanding the setting up of a democratic Government, return of King Tribhuwan, and release of political prisoners.

PAK COTTON BOARD FORMED

KARACHI, Dec. 18 (PTI).—The Government of Pakistan tonight announced the formation of a Cotton Board.

Formed under an Ordinance promulgamated today, the Cotton Board has been empowered to "fix the minimum prices for cotton, and regulate ginning and pressing charges, to compel ginning factories to buy cotton and pay not less than the minimum price for it, and to deal in cotton and register, and regulate trading and movement of cotton."

Lucknow Convocation Address

LUCKNOW, Dec. 18 (PTI).

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Minister without Portfolio, Government of India in a telegram to the Vice-Chancellor confirmed that he would be coming to deliver the convocation address at Lucknow University on December 20.

The "at home" arranged in connection with the convocation week has, however, been cancelled because of the state mourning over Sardar Patel's death.

Stassen For Delhi

KARACHI, Dec. 18 (PTI).—Mr. Harold Stassen, President of the University of Pennsylvania and a leading Republican of the United States, who arrived here on Friday last in the course of a world tour, will leave Karachi by air for New Delhi early tomorrow morning.

He will stay in New Delhi till December 22 and then fly via Karachi to Mombasa in South Africa.

Stop Press

SINGAPORE INQUIRY

SINGAPORE, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter): The Governor of Singapore is expected to announce tomorrow that a public inquiry will be made into last week's "Jungle Girl" riots in Singapore. It is anticipated the announcement will be made at the monthly meeting of the Legislative Council.

AWARD FOR BEST ALL-ROUND PILOT

Call For Spirit Of Self-Sacrifice

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18.—The Das Gupta Memorial Trophy was presented to acting Pilot Officer K. Bhargava, by Air Marshal R. Ivelaw-Chapman, Commander-in-Chief, I.A.F., at a ceremonial parade held at No. 2 Air Force Academy, Jodhpur, on Friday morning. Pilot Officer Bhargava, who is the first recipient of the trophy, passed out from the Academy in October last as "The best all-round pilot" in the course.

"This magnificent trophy has been given to the Indian Air Force by Mr. B. Das Gupta of Calcutta, whom I am very glad to see amongst us today to inspire our young pilots with the patriotic and heroic spirit which made his late brother, F/Lt. S. Das Gupta ever memorable in our Air Force", said the Air Marshal, addressing the parade. "This trophy contrived at a considerable cost is a wonderful specimen of its type but its true value", added the Air C-in-C, "is to be determined neither by its worth in money nor by its elegance but by the glorious self-sacrifice of a young officer who died in the cause of his country. I, therefore, take this opportunity to call upon the present and the future winners of this trophy not to rest content with winning it but to regard it as their privilege and duty to acquire and propagate the spirit which it symbolises."

Hindu Conference In Jubbulpore

(From Our Correspondent.)

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 18.

The Madhya Pradesh Hindu Conference is holding two days session in Jubbulpore on December 20 and 21 under the presidentship of Dr. N. B. Khare. Mahant Digvijayanath Jogendranath Mandal, Master Tara Singh and Prof. V. G. Deshpande are among the other Hindu Mahasabha leaders attending the conference.

CEYLONISATION PACT

Agreement To Be Signed

COLOMBO, Dec. 18 (PTI): Ceylon's Minister of State, Mr. A. E. Goonesinha and Representatives of the Indian Mercantile Chamber and other Indian and Pakistani trade associations of employment in the udtnI(515fl tions here will sign an agreement on December 21 on "Ceylonisation" of employment in the Indian and Pakistani business establishments in Colombo, it was reliably learnt today.

The Government's tentative proposals in this connection were approved by the general body of the Indian Mercantile Chamber last weekend.

The proposals broadly were firstly services of all non-Ceylonese appointed after July 1, 1948 be discontinued secondly, no future recruitment of non-Ceylonese be made except for posts of confidence and of technical nature where qualified Ceylonese are found unavailable.

The proposals do not apply to the sons of directors, partners of firms and firms where three or less persons are employed.

King To Entertain C'wealth P.M's

LONDON, December 18 (PTI-Reuter): King George VI and Queen Elizabeth will entertain the Commonwealth Prime Ministers to luncheon at Buckingham Palace on January 4, it was announced today. The Prime Ministers are coming to London for a ten-day conference on all aspects of Commonwealth affairs.

RUSSIAN MAIZE TO EGYPT

CAIRO, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter): Egypt will buy from Russia 100,000 tons of Russian maize under a trade agreement signed by the two countries here last night.

The first consignment of the maize at 34 Egyptian pounds 37 piastres a ton —about 35 pounds three shillings sterling (approximately 467 rupees)—will be delivered this month.

It was not yet known whether Russia would buy Egyptian cotton with the proceeds of the maize deal. Egypt will also seek maize from the United States and Argentina, it was understood here.

UNESCO BOOK COUPONS: An additional quota of UNESCO book coupons of the value of dollar 20,000 has been obtined from UNESCO for distribution during the next year, among the educational, scientific and cultural organisations in India. Individuals working in the field of education, science and culture may also participate in the scheme. The book coupons are valid till December 31, 1951. Applications for allotment of quotas should be addressed to the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Education, New Delhi.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON (MARCH)

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.

Previous closing	42.65
Today's opening	42.68
Difference	+03
Today's closing	43.01
Difference	+36

PARAM VIR CHAKRA FOR NAIK J. SINGH

Awards For Gallantry In Kashmir

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18 (PTI).—The President has made the following awards for acts of gallantry in operations in Jammu and Kashmir:

PARAM VIR CHAKRA: Naik Jadunath Singh, Rajput Regiment (posthumous).

Naik Jadunath Singh who is the fourth recipient of the award, hailed from village Khajuri, district Shahajahanpur, Uttar Pradesh.

The citation announcing the award says:

Thus charging single-handed at the advancing enemy, Jadunath Singh performed the highest act of gallantry and self-sacrifice and by so doing saved his quiet from being over-run at the most critical stage in the battle for the defence of Naushera."

VIR CHAKRAS: Major S. W. Shahane (IC 901)AOP Flight, IAF; Capt. Jagdish Singh (J. and K. 152) J. and K. Infantry; Jemadar Bhagwan Dass, J. and K. Militia; Jemadhar Hanas Raj, J. and K. Militia (Posthumous); Naik Shiv Ram, J. and K. Militia; L/Nk. Lakhpat Ram, Rajput Regiment (Posthumous); Sapper Laxman Powar, Indian Engineers (Posthumous); Sepoy Sanal Kumaran Pillai, Madras Regiment; Sepoy Budh Ram, Rajput Regiment (Posthumous).

CLAIMS FOR PROPERTIES LEFT IN PAKISTAN

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18.

Under the Displaced Persons' (Claims) Act, 1950 (Act XLIV of 1950) claims were invited from displaced persons in respect of immovable property left in West Pakistan. Some companies, a majority of whose directors or shareholders were displaced persons could not file claims under the said Act because their registered offices could not be formally shifted from Pakistan and as such they did not technically fall within the difinition of 'displaced persons' under the Act. It has now been decided to permit all such claims to be filed.

Such claims can be filed on property sheets Form 'C' and general particulars form prescribed under the Act and obtainable from all post offices or from the Central Claims Office against payment. These claims should be accompanied by an affidavit on a form which can be had from the office of the Joint Chief Claims Commissioner, Old Secretariat, Delhi. All such claims should be sent by registered post to the above office, so as to reach there before February 28, 1951.

20,000 Evacuated From Talcher & Mermandali

CUTTACK, Dec. 18 (UPI).—The stupendous task of evacuating over 20,000 people from the affected railway stations at Talcher and Mermandali has been accomplished, said an official spokesman to UPI this morning. He added, there were about 2,000 more awaiting transport, but these would have been taken to various places by special trains before evening.

Travancore Socialist Wins By-Election

MADRAS, Dec. 18 (PTI).—Mr. A. P. Nambiar (Socialist) Joint Editor of the Malayalam daily "Express", has been elected to the Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly in the by-election from the Ollur Constituency, defeating his Congress rival, Mr. V. K. Krishnan by 2,304 votes.

Mr. Nambiar polled 9,359 votes.

CEASE FIRE IDEA SHELVED

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was a "mockery of the rules of procedure," he asserted.

"IMPOLITENESS"

He also protested against the "impoliteness" shown to the Peking representative who, he said, had been kept waiting for days without an opportunity of putting his case before the Political Committee.

Referring to Mr. Wu's announced departure tomorrow, Mr. Malik said, "It is obvious that this representative cannot wait indefinitely until the Anglo-American bloc is good enough to let him speak.

"It is an act of discrimination and impoliteness," Mr. Malik said.

He then referred to reports of alleged "atrocities" committed by South Korean authorities. He said thousands of innocent women and children were being killed by "maniacs" under the cloack of the United Nations."

The Cease-fire Committee gave no indication of the time it required for further negotiations with Peking.

Russia supported by Poland formally proposed that the Political Committee should continue with pending items, but the motion was not put to the vote.

ASIAN COUNTRIES TO MEET

Mr. B. N. Rau, leader of the Indian Delegation to the United Nations, has called another meeting of the Asian and Middle Eastern delegations which supported the Korean Cease-fire appeal.

The meeting will be held at Lake Success today (7-30 p.m. G.M.T.—1 a.m. I. S. T.) after the luncheon adjournment of the Political Committee.

The sponsors of the cease-fire resolution are then expected to review the entire situation in the light of the interim report submitted by the Cease-fire Committee and any further information placed at the disposal of the group by Mr. Rau.

SEARCH FOR PLANE

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gion had been left out in the earlier searches.

That the Nilgiris is the likelier region where the Air India Dakota could have come to grief is shared by the Air India officials who are now in Coimbatore. The missing plane, when it contacted Coimbatore at 10-8 a.m., must have been clear of the Biligiris. It is quite likely that the plane deviated northward and if this were so, the plane must have gone to the Nilgiris range.

SIGNALS

The Air India Operations Manager, Captain Gazdar, and the Assistant Operations Manager, Mr. Engineer, who made exhaustive study of the signals from the missing plane recorded in Coimbatore aerodrome, have definitely expressed the view that the plane must have strayed off the course by 23 miles towards the west. This would mean the plane was near about the Moyar river and Rangaswamy Betta, the north eastern tip of the Nilgiri range.

Reports that plane bits had been noticed by coolies on the Rangaswamy Betta have strengthened this view and, therefore, the search, both land and air, is being shifted to the Nilgiri side and concentrated on the Moyar-Rangaswamy-Bhavani Betta region.

This Rangaswamy Betta is 5,900 feet high and is about fourteen miles due north of Mettupalayam. This peak overlooks the Moyar River Valley and the Bhavani River just above the dam site.

Brigadier Habibullah, Commander, Bangalore Sub-Area, who was in charge of the operations since Thursday last, told PTI that his foot soldiers numbering over five hundred had covered an area of 1,400 square miles in the Biligiri range and carried out intensive search in an area of 400 square miles. Feeling that the number of men detailed for search was too small compared to the area involved, he had got general permission from Major-General A. A. Rudra, G.O.C., Madras area to have the whole Second Battalion of the Madras Regiment (numbering five hundred men) to join the search. The entire Biligiri range had been scoured with no results.

Today news was communicated to him that bits of a plane had been found on Rangaswami Betta and therefore he decided to concentrate the search on the Nilgiri range.

CALCULATIONS

Brigadier Habibullah said the principle he had followed was to strengthen certain places by posting about 200 men who wouud concentrate on the particular area while the others would proceed in all directions acting on information. In that process he had also sent messages to the lower slopes of the Rangaswami Betta and sent messages to the Nilgiri police to extend their search upto the Moyar River. They had acted on this. But the more he had thought about it the more convinced he was that the plane could not be in this region. The last bearing given of the plane was 185 degrees at 8 minutes past ten. Four minutes earlier it had been 190 degrees about nine degrees off the course to the west which meant the plane was dirfting rapidly. 199 degrees being the correct bearing. Calculating on this, he brought the plane somewhere over Talamali road, Northwest of Satyamangalam where there are peaks of five-thousand feet and above.

COOLIE'S STATEMENT

But Captain Gazdar and Mr. Engineer who had arrived at Coimbatore, told Brigadier Habibullah that they had worked it out and that if the pilot was flying at the normal speed, she should have been somewhere over the Moyar River. The view had also been strengthened by the report of a coolie who said he had seen bits of aircraft.

This morning, when Brigadier Habibullah left Coimbatore, he told Colonel Premchand, who is now incharge of operations to send a company to the Rangaswamy Betta area. They would concentrate near Kottemangalam and proceed upwards. The area was the north-easterly tip of the Nilgiris to the east of the confluence of the Bhavani and Mayor Rivers.

INTEGRATED ARMY FOR W. EUROPE

12-Nation Accord At Brussels

BRUSSELS, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter): Foreign and Defence Minister of twelve nations in the North Atlantic pact met here in joint conference this afternoon to form an integrated West European Army including Germans.

The Defence Ministers meeting separately this morning were undrstood in usualy well-informed quarters to have approved the plan worked out last week in London by the Deputies of Council and Military Committee of the Atlantic Pact organisation.

The plan is a compromise by which Germans would be organised in fighting groups of 5,000 to 6,000 men.

Opening the joint session the Belgian Foreign Minister Paul Van Zeeland said: "A tide of good wishes is arriving from all sides for the complete success of the task which we have undertaken.

The hour is exceptionaly grave. The discussion which will be taken as a result of these discussions may have a vital effect on the future of the free world."

The delegates attending were from the following countries: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, United States, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Netherlands, Portugal and Britain.

Mr. Frank Pace, United States Army Secretary, gave this pledge to the Defence Ministers of 12 Atlantic Pact nations meeting here today: 'We have joined with you in a solemn arrangement for mutual protection and I assure you that we shall keep faith with our obligations".

SINISTER EVENT FOR FATE OF EUROPE

Soviet Comment On Brussels Meeting

LONDON, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter):—The Soviet newspaper, "Pravda", today described the meeting of the Western Ministers as "a sinister event for the fate of Europe" according to Moscow Radio.

They were assembled to "adopt the final plan for remilitarisation of Western Europe," the Communist Party paper declared.

The article written by Naumov, the paper's Berlin correspondent, accused the French representatives of "playing a prolonged game of opposition to remilitarisation of Germany for the sake of public opinion."

"Pravda" added there was everything to indicate that Washington was prepared to satisfy the demands of the German industrial magnates and Nazi generals.

The "sad experience in Korea" had convinced the Pentagon (U. S. Defence Department Headquarters) that it was safer to fight wars with foreign mercenaries than with American soldiers.

Acheson Lands In Paris

PARIS, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter): The American Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, made an unexpected landing here on his way to Brussels to attend the North Atlantic Powers' Conference in the Belgium capital.

His plane had been diverted here because of the weather, but Brussels airport said this morning that conditions had improved there and asked Mr. Acheson to go direct to Brussels.

Mr. Acheson travelling in President Truman's personal plane "Independence" added: "We are going to work to include German forces within the framework of European rearmament. I am confident we will obtain results."

He refused to comment on China's decision not to recognise a commission appointed by the United Nations to obtain a cease-fire in Korea or on the American Republican Party leaders' resolution asking President Truman for his resignation.

U.S. BAN ON GOODS TO RED CHINA HITS HONG KONG

Labour Troubles Expected

HONG KONG, Dec. 18, (PTI).

AMERICA'S ban on exports to the British colony of Hong Kong as part of a plan to prevent goods reaching Communist China has caused economic chaos here during its first week's operation.

Official and private sources estimate that the colony would suffer losses of millions of pounds if no relaxation is granted.

They fear widespread unemployment and resultant labour troubles.

Industrial sources said the ban in its present blanket form would affect most of the 87 thousand Chinese workers in Hong Kong's registered industries as well as tens of thousands in smaller firms.

They said that the ban had already jeopardised the future of 13 cotton mills and many enamelware, torch, match, and other industries using American raw materials.

An official source said today that only a fraction of the output of those industries ever went to China in the past because China could herself manufacture the same products.

These products, partly or wholly made from American raw materials, go mainly to South-East Asia and Africa. A few, including matches and firecrackers, are actually exported to the United States.

ABSURDITIES

Commercial sources say the American ban is also heavily damaging Hong Kong's huge entrepot trade, by which she breaks down and distributors shipments of many commodities to other countries.

A trader said today that the ban had resulted in such absurdities as unloading at Manila (Phillippines) a shipment oranges consigned to Singapore simply because the ship was first calling at Hong Kong.

Industrialists and traders are seeking supplies elsewhere and agents for exporters in Britain, Australia and other countries are receiving many inquiries.

ALLOCATION: Bihar, which has suffered a loss of about twenty five lakh tons of foodgrains due to heavy rains, floods, and continued drought, is likely to get six lakh tons of foodgrains from the Centre during 1951, it is reliably learnt.

WONDER-DRUG LEAVES TRAIL OF DEATH

Rush Of Cholera Patients In Cuttack Hospital

CUTTACK, Dec. 18 (PTI).

THE death roll in Cuttack General Hospital of Rantalai passengers has risen to 38 and the admissions have risen from 150 to 350.

Every special train coming from Talcher is bringing fresh batches of patients to the hospital which is running short of even distilled water so very necessary for the saline water treatment of the patients suffering from cholera and chronic bascillery dysentry.

Deaths are also taking place inside the town of Cuttack of Rantalai passengers from cholera or bascillery dysentry. Two have died near Cuttack Telegraph Office today. Two others died in Buxi Bazar in the heart of the town.

According to a report received here from Meramandali, the deaths of Rantalai visitors yesterday in the platform area there had risen from 47 in the morning to 110 by evening. There is yet no news of the deaths at Talcher and other places.

Another railway station on the Talcher line, Hindo, reported eight deaths this morning.

FROM SPECIAL TRAIN

Six bodies were removed from the special train which arrived here at 3 p.m. today from Talcher Thirty-four passengers, suffering from cholera and acute bascillery dysentry were also removed to the Cuttack General Hospital

One body was removed from the special train which arrived in the evening from Talcher. Thirty patients suffering from cholera and acute bascillery dysentry were also removed to the General Hospital.

Rantalai is now cleared of all the visitors unaffected by cholera and other diseases, it is laernt here today.

CHOLERA IN PURI

PURI: With the arrival of crowds from Rantalai, cholera has broken out in epidemic form in Puri. So far, 106 attacks from cholera were reported in Puri during the last three days, of whom 37 have died till this morning. Bodies are lying on roads and in drains.

The town is now crowded with Rantalai passengers who came here on pilgrimage before returning to their home towns after taking the "divine medicine" from the twelve-year-old shepherd boy at Rantalai.

COST OF LIVING: According to the statistics of the Labour Bureau, the cost of living index number (base 1944-100) in Akola, appreciated by 2 points to 168 during October, 1950. This was due to an increase in the prices of cereals by a failure of the juar crop and its repercussion on the prices of other cereals.

NEW YORK IS PREPARING

Master ARP System

NEW YORK, Dec. 18, (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Arthur Wallander, Director of New York City's civil defence, has announced plans for immediate installation of a master air raid warning system for the city. He said the system would be set up in 1,631 key places including schools, hospitals and radio and television stations.

It would consist of 82 separate bell networks just from local police stations.

The police department on receiving an emergency signal from the army would transmit the warning simultaneously to the key places through push button controls.

Mr. Wallander said the alarm system would be controlled from sixty widely scattered telephone company buildings and added that it could be destroyed only by demolition of all sixty buildings.

Wagon Laden With Matches Gutted

RS. 6,000 LOST IN FIRE

(From Our Correspondent.)

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 18.

Matches worth about Rs. 6,000 were gutted here yesterday when a goods wagon laden with matchboxes while on its way to Banaras accidently caught fire within the Jubbulpore railway yard. The railway watchman on duty spotted the fire first and raised the alarm which brought the yardmaster on the spot.

The latter detached the wagon on fire from the train and shunted it off at great risk to prevent further spread of the conflagration. The fire was brought shortly under control but not before it consumed about one-fourth of the matchbox consignment.

VATICAN, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter).—Vatican Radio announced tonight that 80 Catholic priests have been killed in Korea since fighting broke out.

The Radio said the casualties had been reported by the Apostolic Vicar of Seoul.

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Racing Dates Revised

2,000 GUINEAS PUT OFF BY A WEEK

BOMBAY, Monday.

The postponement of racing in Bombay for the past two weeks has necessitated the revision of the programme, and racing now will be resumed this Saturday, when the Sixth Day of Bombay Winter Meeting — originally scheduled to be held on 10th December last — will set the ball once again rolling.

The Stewards of the Royal Western India Turf Club, who met today, have announced the revised programme as follows:—

Sixth Day on Saturday, Dec. 23.
Seventh Day on Sunday, Dec. 24.
Eight Day on Tuesday, Dec. 26.

The Seventh Day's programme includes the year's first Classic—Indian 1,000 Guineas (1950), while the Indian 2,000 Guineas (1950) which formed part of the Eighth Day's programme has been shifted to the Ninth Day which will be held on Saturday, December 30.

This putting back of the 2,000 Guineas has been done in order to give a fair chance to the three-year-old fillies who intended to take part in both the Guineas Classics.

Morning Bets On Single Horses Revived

BOMBAY, Monday.

The acceptance of bets on single horses in the morning on race days—a facility which was discontinued some years ago—has been revived.

Punters will now be able to lay bets on single horses from 7-30 a.m. to 11-30 a.m. on race days.

CALCUTTA RACES RESHUFFLEMENT

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18 (PTI).

The Stewards of the Royal Calcutta Turf Club, having cancelled the Fourth Day of the First Meeting which was scheduled to be held on December 16, have announced an Extra Day on Monday, January 1.

They have also cancelled the Third Day of the Second Meeting on Wednesday, January 24, and have substituted it by a day's racing on Tuesday, January 23.

The Burdwan Cup (worth about Rs. 16,000) for horses in Class I, which was also scheduled for December 16, will now be run on the Third Day of the Second Meeting on January 23. They have also substituted the Howrah Plate, cancelled along with the Fourth Day of the First Meeting, by an Extra Race on the Fifth Day, December 22. It has been called the Bandel Plate and is of similar value and terms.

K. S. THAKUR TO SKIPPER MADHYA PRADESH TEAM

NAGPUR, Dec. 18 (PTI).

The following team for Madhya Pradesh will meet Hyderabad in the first round for the Ranji Trophy Cricket Tournament to be played at the Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association ground here on December 22, 23, 24 and 25.

K. S. Thakur (Captain), Kamraj Kesari, S. S. Thakur, W. D. Sane, Gopi Naidu, S. S. Jog, R. Narsimhan, M. Karu, A. D. Mohoni, K. K. Srivastava and Randhir Singh.

Reserves will be S. A. Rahim, V. P. Sole and M. K. Sarwate.

Madras Contingent For Inter-University Athletics

MADRAS, Dec. 18, (PTI).

The Madras team for Inter-University Athletic Championships to be held in Allahabad on December 20, 21 and 22 left Madras yesterday by train for Allahabad.

Following are the members of the team: H. Rebello (Captain) R. D. Rebello, Chandrapandian Ivan Jacob, D. Nagiah, E. Cooper, Krishnasingh, Shirazi, B. Guha, Jambukesan, Nagireddi, Mathias and Shivareddi.

Delhi Table Tennis Team Leaves

NEW DELHI, December 18 (PTI): The Delhi table tennis team left yesterday for Colombo to play in the All-India and Inter-State Table Tennis Championships.

Ceylon like Pakistan is in the Indian Zone as regards sports of international recognition.

Mr. T. K. Anantaraman is accompanying the Delhi team as its manager. The team consists of the following players: Om Prakash; R. B. L. Saxena; Ranjan Singh; K. V. N. Swami; C. N. Balu; Gulu Advani and Arun Raj.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Cooperage

3-45 p.m. Mazagoan Docks vs. Xavier's 'C' (Second Division).

4-45 p.m. B. P. T. 'A' vs. St. Xavier's Assn. (First Division).

Parsee Cyclists Ground

3-10 p.m. Telegraph S. C. vs. C. and L. 4-10 p.m. Goan S. C. 'C' vs. Blue Wizards 'B' (Third Division).

St. Xaviers College Ground, Parel

3 p.m. King Cyclists S. C. vs. Metal Box S. C.; 4 p.m. Khatau S. C. vs. Bombay Port Trust 'B'; 5 p.m. B. B. [illegible] G. I. Ely. 'B' vs. G. I. P. Ely. 'B',

Bombay Enters Final Without Difficulty

INTER-STATE BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

NAGPUR, Dec. 18 (PTI): Bombay qualified for the final in the Inter-State Badminton Championships by beating Madhya Pradesh three to nil.

Bengal won two Men's Singles over East Punjab in semi-finals but lost the Women's Singles to East Punjab, necessitating the playing of a Mixed Doubles (and if necessary, followed by Men's Doubles) tomorrow.

As at present, Bengal stands a brighter chance of meeting Bombay in the Inter-State final fixed for December 20 and 21.

The only interesting match today was the extended fight between G. Hemmady of Bengal and Gur Prasad of East Punjab in which the latter's hard luck at net drops mainly turned the tide in favour of his opponent. After Hemmady won the first game at 15/10, Gur Prasad changed his tactics and convincingly led the former to the decider.

In the final set, Gur Prasad led by four points but Hemmady, rallying wonderfully with his cross-court smashes, not only drew level with the East Punjab player at eight but won the set and match at 15/9.

India's number three Manoj Guha with his exquisite cross-court smashing and sound judgment of wrong returns had little difficulty in beating Darshan Kumar of East Punjab.

The following are the results of the semi-finals:—

Bombay beat Madhya Pradesh by three matches to nil.

Devinder Mohan (Bombay) beat Chadda (M.P.) 15/7 15/4; H. Ferreira (Bombay) beat B. D. Parulkar (M.P.) 15/4 15/7; Miss B. Farias (Bombay) beat Miss M. Tambe (M.P.) 11/8 11/3.

Bengal beat East Punjab by two matches to one.

M. Guha (Bengal) beat Darshan Kumar (E.P.) 15/3 15/2; G. Hemmady (Bengal) beat Gur Prasad (E.P.) 15/10 11/15 15/9; Miss P. Anand (E.P.) beat Miss Sehgal (Bengal) 12/11 11/6.

DAVINDER AND MISS PHANSALKAR EXTENDED

In the All-India quarter finals in mixed doubles, Bombay's Devinder Mohan and Miss Sindhu Phansalkar won an extended match against M. K. Bhopardkar and Miss S. Tambe (M.P.) After taking the first set at 15/9, Deinvde appeared to take things easy despie the gallant fight given by Bhopardikar and lost the second set at 12/15.

Mohan had to bring off his terrific smashes and cross cout drops in the third game to win the match at 15/7.

Following are the results of the first day's quarter-finals in the All India Badminton Championship:

Mixed Doubles

G. P. Shirke and Mrs. Dixit (Bombay) beat V. Natu and Miss Sohoni (Maharashtra) 15/2, 15/2.

M. S. Patil and Miss Nigudkar (Bombay) beat M. Guha and Miss Norton (Bengal) 15/9, 15/6.

H. Ferriera and Miss B. Farias (Bombay) beat Chiranjit and Miss Nangia (Delhi) 15/8, 15/5.

Devinder Mohan and Miss S. Phansalkar (Bombay) beat M. K. Bhopardikar and Miss S. Tamze 15/9, 12/15 and 16/7

Xavier's "B" Lucky To Win

HOCKEY LEAGUE AT COOPERAGE

BOMBAY Monday.

St. Xavier's College second string upset the calculations of the Catholic Gymkhana this evening in the First Division of the B. P. H. A. League at the Cooperage when they neutralized their opponents early lead and stole full points by means of a penalty bully.

Catholic Gymkhana could perhaps turn out to be a very good side capable of great things, but instead of using their heads, they keep loosing them. The match was quite even, but robust.

Neville D'Mello scored first for the Gym, in the initial half, but midway through the first half St. Xavier's College equalized through Cedric D'Souza. Jos Fernandes scored his sides all important goal from a penalty bully.

G. S. M. WIN BY TWO GOALS

In the Inter-College Hockey League G. S. M. Beat Siddarth College by two goals to nil. Reubens and Coutinho scored the goals for the winners.

B.I.G. WIN BY ODD GOAL IN THREE

In the Third Division hockey match played at the Parsee Cyclists ground this evening the British India General Insurance Company Sports Club got the better of the Indian Hotels Club by the odd goal in three. Ferrao and D'Penha scored for the winners, while the only goal scored by the India Hotels was through Proudfoot.

In an earlier match on the same ground Kurla Spartans trounced Chartered Bank to the tune of four goals to nil. The goal scorers were Manhan, Naidu, Ansari and Rizni.

Parel Hockey League

BOMBAY, Monday.

In the senior division of the Parel Hockey League match played this evening at the St. Xavier's College ground the Greater Bombay Police earned a solitary goal win over the Panchgani Parsee High School Old Boys. Rodricks was responsible for the only goal scored in the match.

In the second division match played at the same venue the Thana District Police went down by one goal to nil to the Ordnance Sports Club. Michael scored for the latter team.

SAURASHTRA OUT FOR 211

Ranji Trophy Match Against Baroda

RAJKOT, Dec. 18 (PTI): Saurashtra in their first innings were all out for 211 ten minutes before the close of first day's play in their match with Baroda in the first round of the Ranji Trophy (West Zone) here.

Two minutes silence was observed before the commencement of play this morning in memory of late Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Waghela and Jayantilal Vora opened Saurashtra's innings to the bowling of Vijay Hazare and Gul Mohmad and their side had already lost three quick wickets before 38 runs were on the board. Jayantilal and Vijaysingh however pushed the score to 78 before the former was out for 33 scored in a hundred minutes.

The first hundred of the innings was hoisted after 115 minutes play and the next fifty after 185 minutes. Tea was taken when the score board read 181 runs for seven wickets.

At this juncture two quick wickets fell, but Nyalchand and Mahipat Acharya succeeded in taking the score to 211 before Nyalchand fell a prey to Gaekwad.

D. K. Gaekwad had the best bowling figures having taken three wickets while conceding only four runs in 9.1 overs. Vijay Hazare took four wickets for 77 runs.

The following is the score board.

SAURASHTRA (First Innings)

Waghela c Pradhan b Gul Mohmad 11, Jayantilal Vora hit wicket b Vijay Hazare 33, Lalkubha c Vivek Hazare b Vijay Hazare 7, Harpal b Vijay Hazare 1, Vijaysingh c Ghorpade b Vijay Hazare 32, Narottam b D. K. Gaekwad 33, Thakore Saheb of Rajkot c Vijay Hazare b Gaekwad 15. Jayendrasingh l.b.w. Gul Mohmad 21, Mahipat Acharya batting 35, Jayantilal Oza b Gul Mohmad 4, Nyalchand l.b.w. D. K. Gaekwad 9. Extras 10. TOTAL 211.

Fall of wickets: 1/13, 2/32, 3/36, 4/78, 5/101, 6/139, 7/152, 8/182, 9/190 and 10/211.

Bowling Analysis: Vijay Hazare 36/?/77/4; Gul Mohmad 30/8/63/3; Vivek Hazare 16/4/43/0; J. M. Ghorpade 2/0/9/0; D. K. Gaekwad 9.1/5/4/3; Yakub Shaikh 3/2/5/0.

BARODA XI: Vijay Hazare (Captain), R. B. Nimbalkar, Yuvraj of Baroda, Gul Mohmad, D. K. Gaekwad, Vivek Hazare, J. M. Ghorpade, Yakub Shaikh, S. K. Vichare, R. A. Pradhan and D. K. Gaekwad.

Why Not A Meter To Decide Bad Light?

LONDON, Dec. 17 (PTI-Reuter): It does not seem right that the question of whether the light is good enough for play in an important cricket match like a Test should be arbitary.

None doubts the integrity of the umpires but why should they have to decide when it might be so easily done mechanically by an exposure meter as is extensively used in photography.

The whole result of the last Test at Brisbane centred round the question of whether the light was good enough for the Englishmen to bat on the third day. The appeal was negatived at first and as far as England was concerned the damage has been done when the umpires finally called "bad light." Even Sir Donald Bradman is reported to have said they should have called it sooner.

How easy for the M.C.C. and the Imperial Cricket Conference to get a body of experts to work out by the exposure meter just when the light is too poor for proper play and for umpires to carry one of these objects in their pocket.

There seems on the surface no reasons against this scheme though of course there might be initial arguments as to the state of light which would constitute conditions unfit for play. Still it would not be left to the umpire on the sport as at present.

There appear to be rules in cricket covering every possible point except the light question.

Officials For Athletics To Undergo Training

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Bombay State Amateur Athletic Association have decided to prepare a panel of officials interested in officiating for various events both track and field.

Those, including present officials, who wish to register are requested to submit their names and addresses stating the event or event they would like to specialise in.

The Association has further decided to conduct training classes for officials both old and new. Those wishing to join should contact the Honorary Secretary of the Association.

Commonwealth Tourists Arrive In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18 (PTI).

The Commonwealth Cricket team arrived here this afternoon from Nagpur by a special plane. They were received at Dum Dum aerodrome by the officials of the Cricket Association of Bengal and a large number of sports enthusiasts.

The Commonwealth team will begin their Calcutta fixture on Dec. 20 with a three-day match with the Indian Universities XI.

COMPTON'S THIRD CENTURY OF TOUR

M.C.C. Score 307 For 7: Require 20 Runs To Avoid Follow On

SYDNEY, December 18, (PTI-Reuter).

IN spite of a century by Denis Compton the M.C.C. still needed 20 to avert the follow on at close of play on the third day of their match against an Australian Eleven here.

At the close the M.C.C. were 307 for seven in reply to the Australians' total of 526 for nine declared.

Though still well behind the M.C.C. had recovered well after their bad start on Saturday when they lost three wickets for 47.

Compton got 115, his third century of the tour, and with Gilbert Parkhouse (58) put on 130 for the fifth wicket. Earlier he had been associated with Godfrey Evans (31) in a stand of 72 for the fourth wicket.

Compton batted four hours 13 minutes and hit seven fours. But it was not one of his best innings for he mistimed the ball on many occasions. But in spite of these lapses he stuck to his task well and did not flag in concentration.

He reached his century out of 178 in 219 minutes. With 15 added to his score he was caught by Walker off King.

Parkhouse, batting with his injured elbow tightly bandaged, looked in a class above some of the other young batsmen in the party. Up to time he joined compton the accurate and hostile Australian attack had held the initiative but he and the Middlesex man wrested it from them for the first time during the day.

The match ends tomorrow.

SCORE BOARD

AUSTRALIAN XI (1st Innings)	**526**
M. C. C. (First Innings)	
D. Sheppard c Harvey b Walkar	8
Dewes c Walkar b Ring	10
R. Simpson b Ring	23
D. Compton c Walkar b Ring	115
G. Evans b Walkar	31
Parkhouse c Burke b Walkar	58
Brown batting	39
Bedser c Walkar b Miller	7
Warr batting	0
Extras	16
TOTAL (for 7 wkts.)	307

BOWLING ANALYSIS:	O	M	R	W
Walkar	21	1	54	3
Noblet	25	8	43	0
Ring	36	5	106	3
Miller	11	2	25	1
Hole	8	0	33	0
Harvey	2	0	3	0
Burke	9	2	27	0

Queensland In Sight Of 1st. Innings Lead

PERTH (West Australia), December 18 (PTI-Reuter).

Queensland with two wickets in hand need nine runs to gain first innings lead against West Australia in their Sheffield Shield match here.

When stumps were drawn on the second day, Queensland had scored 249 for eight wickets in reply to West Australia's first innings total of 257.

Colin Harvey, brother of test cricketer Neil Harvey was top scorer with 58 for Queensland who were helped by poor fielding including seven dropped catches. Ken MacKay made 52 and Colin McCool 38 not out.

Post And Telegraphs Sports

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 18 (PTI).

Sportsmen representing Posts and Telegraphs Sports Clubs from all over India will participate in a sports tournament to be held here on December 22 and 23.

Announcing this Mr. Shenoy, Divisional Engineer, in charge of the Posts and Telegraphs Training Centre here, said that Mr. Krishna Prasada, Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs will preside over the tournament and distribute prizes.

Indian Hockey Side Too Good

FIRST MATCH OF E. AFRICAN TOUR

NAIROBI, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter).

The All-India Hockey team easily won the opening match of their East African tour defeating a Combined European and Asian side by six goals to nil here.

The Indian team which includes Olympic players were held to 2—0 in the first half but after the interval the tourists' superior stick work, experience and team understanding enabled them to overrun the home side.

Towards the end they eased up and concentrated on exhibition play. The crowd of 5,000 saw the bare-footed Rajagopal turn in the afternoon's star performance scoring four of India's goals in the process. Other goals came from Babu and Hardialsingh.

MYSORE POLICE GO DOWN TAMELY

Durand Cup Football Tournament In Delhi

DELHI, Dec. 18 (PTI).

Mysore State Police, winners of the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Trophy (Mysore) failed to live up to their reputation when they went down tamely to Frontier Club, Delhi, by a solitary goal in the first round of the Durand Football Tournament today.

The barefooted Policemen started off promisingly, but the robust tackling by the booted local side completely upset them. Policemen lacked combined action, and with the exception of Basheer, centre-half, and Kodiyam, outside, left none impressed. Kodiyam initiated every Police raid and proved a constant source of danger to the local defence. Delhi's centre-forward, Nathu, scored a spectacular goal to put his side ahead.

Attacking early, Mysore secured two corners, both abortive. In the eighth minute the Police citadel had a narrow escape when centre-forward Nathu's rasping shot struck the post with custodian Krishnappa out of position. At the other end, ten minutes later Kodiyam, outside-left, tested Shyam Lal from close range.

On resumption, a combined move involving the whole Police quintet saw Ganesh, outside-right, shoot wide from point blank range. In the thirteenth minute, Nathu headed in a glorious goal that beat Krishnappa hands down, off a centre from Ram Narain, outside-right. A few minutes later Nathu had the mortification of seeing another one of his first time shots hit the cross bar.

Teams were:

MYSORE STATE POLICE: Krishnappa, Doraiinyam and Jaganath, Muniyappa, Basheer and Dass, Ganesh, Victor, Anthony, Balan and Kodiyam.

FRONTIER CLUB: Shyam Lal, Sheh Dev and Ghynsham Dass, Ram Narain Gera, Puran Chand and Pritam, Motilal, S. P. Nure, Nathu, Ram Swarup and Ram Narain.

IMTIAZ AHMED'S LUSTY HITTING

Scores 100 Before Lunch And Remains Unbeaten With 183

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18, (PTI).

Ravi Gymkhana of Lahore forced the match on the final day of their three day encounter today against the Northern India Free Looters of Delhi. Grand style batting helped them to bring off the finish.

At close of play today the Lahore team had made 278 for the loss of six wickets in their second innings. Imtiaz Ahmed, Pakistan test player and captain of the visitors played brilliant cricket hitting up 100 before lunch and remaining unbeaten at the end with 183 including twenty-three fours. He attacked the bowling throughout and delighted the small crowd with his lusty hitting.

OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL MATTERS

Indo-Pakistan Conference Opens In Delhi

NEW DELHI, December 18 (PTI): The three-day Indo-Pakistan Conference on secretariat level convened to discuss certain outstanding financial matters began here today.

The Conference discussed today some of the subjects which India has placed on the agenda. These include financial settlement regarding claims of provincial Government servants and employees of local bodies and States to provident funds and pensions, sterling pensions paid by the High Commissioner for India in London and recoverable from the Pakistan Government, payment to India of sale proceeds realised in Pakistan of surplus stores of H. M. G. and settlement by the Pakistan Railways of pre-partition claims for refund of fares, freight etc.

No decision, it is understood, was reached today and discussions will be continued tomorrow. Members of both the delegations expressed their viewpoint on the subjects.

The leader of the Pakistan delegation Mr. Abdul Qadir has not yet arrived and in his absence Mr. Mumtaz Hussain, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance acted as the Leader of the Delegation. Mr. Qadir is expected in Delhi tomorrow.

The Indian Delegation was led by Mr. H. M. Patel, Defence Secretary and Secretary, Parition Secretariat. In addition to other members of the Indian Delegation, Mr. S. Dutt, Commonwealth Relations Secretary, was also present.

SUPREME COURT MOURNS SARDAR PATEL

Chief Justice's Tributes

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13, (PTI).

IN a brief and solemn ceremony, the Supreme Court mourned the death of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel today when lawyers stood in silence as the Chief Justice. Sir H. J. Kania and the Attorney General Mr. M. C. Setalvad made warm references to the life and achievement of the Sardar.

Both the Chief Justice and the Attorney-General highly praised his respect for judiciary and described his death as a "great calamity at the present juncture in the progress of India"

The Chief Justice said: "Bearing in mind the old traditions which recognise the independence of the judiciary as one of the fundamental necessaries for the sound working of a democratic state, he firmly stood by the principle and in spite of occasional political or other pressures maintained the independence of the judiciary". "By his death" the Chief Justice added "the judiciary has lost a great champion of its freedom and independence".

OF FEW WORDS

Referring to his achievement in unification of Indian States, the Chief Justice said: "By his wise counsel and practical approach to many important and vital problems he helped to maintain the balance of sound administration".

The Chief Justice described Sardar Patel as a "man of few words', "but "stern, resolute, fearless and implacable in the matter of enforcing the fundamental principles of justice and truth".

The Chief Justice expressed the hope that the "sound principles which marked his administration of the Home Department will be adhered to and India wll reap the full benefit of the experience of that astute and wise statesman in its further progress".

"By his death", the Chief Justice added, "the profession has lost a great luminary not as an exponent of law in law courts but as a lawyer who believed in law and order and devoted his life to attain that object after India attained independence".

WISE AND QUICK

The Attorney-General Mr. M. C. Setalvad after making a brief reference to the career of Sardar Patel, said: "Courage and fearlessness were the key notes of his policies and decisions, and nowhere were these great qualities more apparent than in his dealing with the states".

"The wise and quick decisions of the great practical statesman", Mr. Setlvad added "undoubtedly helped the country to keep on its feet on many a critical occasion".

Referring to the country-wide mourning, Mr. Setalvad said: "The Bar in India joins in this great expression of sorrow".

HYDERABAD: The Special Tribunal hearing the "Ministers Case" today paid tributes to the services rendered to the nation by Sardar Patel and stood in two minutes silence before commencing its proceedings, as a mark of respect to the departed leader.

Immersion Of Sardar's Ashes

BOMBAY, Monday (UPI): The ashes of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel will be immersed in the confluence of the Ganges and the Jumna at Pryag, according to a provisional decision taken here yesterday.

Mr. Dahyabhai Patel, accompanied by his sister, Miss Maniben Patel, and the Sardar's Private Secretary, Mr. Shankar, left for Delhi this morning to collect the personal effects of Sardar Patel in the capital. They will meet President Rajendra Prasad and Prime Minister Nehru, and are likely to discuss with them the question of the disposal of the ashes, following which a final decision in respect of the place where the ashes are to be immersed will be taken.

The urn containing the ashes has now been taken to the Bombay residence of Mr. Dahyabhai Patel, where streams of admirers of the great Indian patriot are turning up to have their last glimpse of the remains of the Sardar.

Sardar's Ashes In Ahmedabad

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 18: A portion of the ashes of Sardar Patel was brought here by Mr. Jiwanji Desai. Touching scenes were witnessed on the railway station where thousands thronged to have a last darshan of the departed leader's ashes. The ashes will be kept in the Congress House for one week and then immersed in Sabarmati river next Sunday. Some portion of the ashes is to be distributed to other centres and will he immersed in important rivers of Gujerat.

They Mourn Sardar's Death

BOMBAY, Monday.

The following organisations have sent their messages of condolences on the sad demise of Sardar Patel.

Africa and Overseas Merchants Chamber, East India Cotton Association, Bombay Sugar Merchants Association and Young Men's Hindu Association.

"Condolence Meeting"

BOMBAY, Monday: Under the auspices of The Bombay Patidar Samaj and other Patidar Mandals in Bombay City and Suburbs a meeting will be held on Friday the 22nd December 1950 at 5 p.m. at Mafatlal Baug, French Bridge, to mourn the sad demise of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

PLANE CATCHES FIRE: A passenger plane from Bangalore bound for Santa Cruz caught fire in mid air about 200 miles from Bangalore on Monday. **The pilot radioed he was going back.**

Nehru Now All Alone—NYT

LONDON, Dec. 18, (PTI-Reuter): The New York Times wrote editorially that Sardar Patel's death was a grievous loss in more ways than one. India lost a "strong man" and her cabinet a skilled executive, highly competent political leader, but most of all Mr. Nehru lost a friend and a helper at a time when he was most in need of all the help he could get.

He would not find it easy to replace the "hard-hitting, many-sided" talents of his deputy. Mr. Nehru is faced with enormously difficult problems. He carries an immense burden on behalf of his country and must often carry it in the face of bitter opposition.

Sardar Patel added an element through stability to Mr. Nehru's passionate idealism and made it possible at times for Mr. Nehru to ride through some critical situations. Now the Prime Minister must necessarily feel himself more than ever walking alone.

Dynamic Leader Of Men

MODY'S TRIBUTES TO SARDAR PATEL

LUCKNOW, Dec. 18 (PTI): Mr. Homi Mody, Governor of Uttar Pradesh, said today Sardar Patel was an indomitable leader of men, a powerful dynamic personality and the embodiment of inexhaustible courage and determination, the like of whom we shall not see again."

The Governor, who was addressing the joint meeting of the two Houses of U. P. Legislature to inaugurate the winter session, said: "We are meeting today under the shadow of a great national calamity. The cruel hand of death has removed Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the architect and unifier of free India, from our midst.

"Let us pray his work may endure and his memory, which we shall all cherish with gratitude and affection, continue to inspire and guide us and enable us to fulfil the task of constructing a strong, stable and prosperous state".

Mr. Mody referred to the developments that are taking place beyond the frontiers of Uttar Pradesh and said, "what is happening in Nepal is of great concern to us. The whole nation, I am sure, endorses the policy outlined by the Prime Minister in this respect. We hope that order will soon be restored in Nepal so that the blessings of peace and prosperity and political progress desired by the people of the country may be ensured".

LAW AND ORDER

Mr. Mody added: "My Government have made all necessary arrangements to maintan law and order in that part of the state which lies along the Nepal frontier. There has never been any dislocation of normal life on our side of the border and the obligations enjoined upon us by our treaties with Nepal and international usages have have been fully discharged".

The Governor said that the U. P. Zamindari Abolition and Land Reforms Bill as passed by the Upper House will now be placed in the Assembly for being finally enacted into law.

A bill will shortly be introduced in the House for repeal of the maintenance of the Public Order Act as the act was thought unnecessary, on account of the general improvement in the law and order situation and the sucess achieved in 'curbing the violent activities of some political groups".

GOVERNMENT HOLIDAYS FOR 1951

NEW DELHI, 18 (PTI).

The Government of India have announced the following twenty days as closed holidays for 1951 in addition to Sundays.

Bank Holiday (January 1); Republic Day (January 26); Sheoratri (March 1): Holi (March 22 and 23); Good Friday (March 23—this coincides with Holi); Baisakhi (April 13); Id-ul-Fitr (July 7); Independence Day (August 15); Janmashtami (August 24); Id-uz-Zuha (September 13); Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday (October 2); Dushera (October 8 to 10); Muharram (October 12); Diwali (October 30 and 31); Guru Nanak's Birthday (November 13); Id-e-Milad (December 12); Christmas Day (December 25).

Id-ul-Fitr, Id-uz-Zuha, Muharram and Id-e-Milad will be subject to the appearance of the moon. There is no separate holiday for Ram Navmi as it falls on Sunday, April 15.

WHAT THE U. N. DID

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18 (PTI).—Senators Theodore F. Green (Democrat) and Homer Ferguson (Republican) of the United States, who are now in Calcutta said today that "if the United Nations had not acted in Korea as they did, in defence of the fundamental principles on fighting aggression, wherever it occurred and whatever shape it took, they would have met the same fate as that of the League of Nations."

SHARP RISE IN TATA STEELS

Textiles And Scindias In Good Demand

BOMBAY, December 18.

The Bombay Stock Exchange opened firm and improved on moderate buying. The market was favourably influenced by Korean War news. There was active demand for Steel Shares. Cotton Mill Shares were also very steady while Bombay Burmas opened very steady but declined on increased selling.

During the interval, the market sentiment was influenced by the death of Sardar Patel and Tata Steel Defds. were privately quoted at Rs. 1830/-. But thereafter the market was influenced by President Truman's statement of the existence of emergency. Huge defence programmes are expected to create big demand for raw materials and it will be difficult to have the supply of iron. This state has helped bullish enthusiasm on the local stock exchange.

Tata Steel Defd. Shares opened at Rs. 1911/4 against last closing at Rs. 1876/4 and improved at Rs. 1917/8. Ordinary Shares also gained seven points at Rs. 367/-. Indian Iron Shares opened at Rs. 32/10 and steadied at Rs. 32/9. Bengal Steel Shares were done at Rs. 23/4.

Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1060/- against previous close at Rs. 1035/- and advanced at Rs. 1055/-. Kohinoor Mill Shares were quoted at Rs. 346/- and Swadeshi Mill Shares were done at Rs. 319/-. Indore Mill Shares opened steady at Rs. 142/8 and firmed up at Rs. 150/- on active demand.

Scindia Shares were done at Rs. 16/12. Bombay Burmas opened firm at Rs. 502/8 but declined at Rs. 490/- on increased long liquidation.

Later on there was further buying and Tata Steel Defds. advanced at Rs 1927-8 and steadied at Rs. 1925. Ordinary shares were done at Rs. 368 and Bombay Dyeings hardened at Rs. 1060. Scindias were in demand at Rs. 17 Tone of the market was firm.

After the close of the market there was some realising and Tata Steel Defds. were quoted at Rs. 191713 at 5 p.m. Today's buying being impressive, the market feeling remains bullish and traders are waiting for levels to buy.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES

Bombay Dyeing (7-8)	1060	0
Kohinoor Mill (6)	348	0
Swadeshi Mills (14)	320	0
Central India Mills (6)	267	0
Simplex Mills (11)	280	0
New Great Eastern (3-2)	174	0
Indore (4)	152	8
Gokak (11)	264	6
Century Spinning (8)	282	8
India Bleaching (8)	18	0
Swan (20)	370	0
Finlay Mills (15)	292	0
Morarji (4-8)	185	0
Edward (15)	287	8
Meyer (8)	92	0
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	3	4 6
India United Ord. (0-12-6)	13	14
India United Defd. (0-2-0)	2	4 6
Madhusudan (15)	151	4
Podar (9)	150	10
Khatau (7)	187	8

STEELS

Tata Steel Ord. (16)	368	0
Tata Steel Defd. (79-5)	1922	8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	139	0

CEMENT

Associated Cement (7)	178	0

INDUSTRIES

Burma (15)	492	8
Belapur (12-8)	284	0
Shivrajpur (1-3)	58	0
Scindia Steam	16	14
Premier Construction (4)	129	12
Tata Chemical	15	5
Tata Oil (1)	45	0
Indian Iron (1)	32	10 6
Bengal Steel (0-10)	23	7
British India Corp. (0-9)	9	7
India Copper	3	3
Wimco (11)	268	4
Alcock (28-2)	350	0

ELECTRIC SHARES

Andhra Valley (45' XD	1470	0
Tata Hydro (4-8) XD	139	8
Tata Power (50) XD	1622	8

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS

Elphinstone (15)	62	0
Phoenix (6)	120	10
Indian Mfg. (40)	3350	0
Kurla (78)	125	0
Colaba (6)	77	4
New City (11)	197	8
Minerva (12)	134	6
Bradbury	453	4
Bharucha	4	12
Bharat (2)	28	4
Mysore Defd. (4) XD	163	12
Madhavji (0-12-0)	12	0
Model Mills (12-8)	152	8
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	605	0
Vishnu Cotton (6)	202	8
Standard (15)	240	0
Sholapur (200)	3060	0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8-0)	27	0
Hindustan Mills (40) XD	3410	0
Tata Mills (2)	54	0
Ahmedabad Advance (9)	221	4
Sassoon Silk (2-10)	35	0
New Union Mills (0-8)	25	10
Madhusudan S (2-8)	32	0
Shrinivas Mills (12-8)	190	0
Raja Bahadur (4)	60	0
Berar	260	0
Victoria Mills	225	0

ELECTRIC (CASH)

Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	116	4
Ahmedabad New (0-14-4)	112	0
Surat Electric (5)	141	4
Karachi Electric (2)	127	8
Broach (0-5)	6	1
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10	2
Amalgamated (0-12)	11	10
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	27	0
Poona Electric Supply (5-2)	125	0
Bombay Suburban (4-8)	148	12
Jalgaon	10	10

BANK SHARES

Imperial Bank of India (40)	1992	4
Imperial Bank P. (10)	491	4
Central Bank (1-8)	80	0
Central Bank New (1-8)	80	0
Bank of India (3)	178	8
Union (0-5)	7	2
Baroda (2-8)	128	0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	31	
United Commercial (1-12)	46	0
Jaipur Bank (1-8)	37	0
Hindustan Commercial (1)	22	8
Mysore Bank (8)	865	0
Eastern Bank (14-9)	82	0

INSURANCE SHARES

Oriental (125)	4315	0
Empire (10)	615	0
New India (2)	67	8
Jupiter (0-12)	14	8
Vulcan (1-10)	12	5
Ind. Mercantile	41	0
B.I.C.	16	5
Industrial and Prudential	28	4
Neptune	7	0
New Great	18	4
All India General	8	8

RAILWAY SHARES

C. P (2-4)	114	0

MISCELLANEOUS SHARES

Bombay Steam (10)	270	0
Bombay Burma New (5)	161	4
Burma Petrol	1-9-3	
Kemp and Co. (30)	342	8
Mackenzie (6)	91	0
Port Canning (3)	52	0
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	93	4
Industrial Invest Trust (3-12)	85	0
Dharamsey Chemical (4)	68	0
Mukund Iron	5	0
Dena Trust (0-12)	12	0
Alembic (15)	121	4
Supreme Industries	90	0
Bombay Uganda	65	12
Indian Cement (1937)	23	0
Walchand Nagar Industries (15)	166	4
United Motor	28	0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	785	0
Hydro Construction	19	2 6
Mahamadi Steam	100	0
Gujerat Motor	26	0
Sardar Carbonic XD	750	0
Harvey Press	310	0
Estrella Batteries	37	0
National Rayon	66	8
Bombay Cycle	34	0
Jost Co.	75	0
Digvijay Cement	70	0

PREFERENCE SHARES

Tata Steel 1st (6) XD	195	0
Bengal Steel	116	4
Indian Iron	107	0
Andhra Valley (7)	1240	0
Tata Power (7-8)	1352	8
Hydro-Electric (7) XD	131	4
Bombay Steamer (6)	233	12
Central India (5)	632	8
Swadeshi Mills	130	0
Vishnu Mills (7)	676	4
Laxmi	275	0
New Great Mills (5-3)	215	0
Podar Mills (4)	95	0
Shrinivasa Mills	98	0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	109	0
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	345	0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	136	4
Fre Construction First	102	4
Pre Construction 2nd Pref	99	12
Amalgamated	115	0
Habib	72	0
Tata Chemical	132	8
Walchandnagar	126	4
Jupiter	12	15
Supreme	92	8
Meyer	95	0
Mackenzie (First)	92	0
Mackenzie (2)	85	0
Ahmedabad Advance	127	8
Mysore Mill	41	0
Standard	99	0
Madhusudhan	12	0
Khatau	97	8
Morarji	94	8
National Rayon	79	0

DEBENTURES

Andhra 1952	101	4
Rubber Planting		
Bombay Steamer	98	14
Indian Hume Pipe	101	0
Tata Power 1951	101	0
Walchandnagar (6)	106	0

OUTSIDE SHARES

Burma Corporation	2	12
New Victoria Mills	2	2
New Victoria Pref.	4	2
Phalton (8)	130	8
Gold Mohor (20)	315	0
New Kaiser Hind	170	0
Sajjan Mills	100	0
Osmanshahi	115	0
Ajam Shahi	110	0
Air Services	3	12
Air India Tata	59	12
Hind Motor	6	6
Walchand Motor	52	0
India Steam	7	8
Tata Locomotive	94	0
Killick Industries XD	131	8

GOVERNMENT LOAN

BOMBAY, Dec. 18.

2-1/2% 1954	98	13 0
2½% 1955	99	8 0
2½% 1961	96	4 0
2-3/4% 1960	98	8 0
2-3/4% 1962	98	4 0
3% 1970	94	0 0
3% 1986 Con.	93	1 0
3% 1951/54	101	1 0
3% 1953/55	108	7 0
3% 1957	100	7 0
3% 1959/65	99	13 0
3% 1963/65	98	15 0
3% 1963/65	98	3 0
3% 1966/68	98	0 0
3% 1070/7/	97	15 0
3-1/2% 1954/58	103	14 0
4-1/2% 1955/60	109	2 0
4-1/2 p. c. 1955/60	109	5 0
4% 1958/68	112	4 0

PROVINCIAL LOANS

3% Bombay 1962	99	2 0
3% Bombay 1960	99	4 0
2-3/4% U.P 1961	96	12 0
2-3/4% Madras 1961	96	12 0
3% Bombay 1955	100	8 0
3% Bombay 1958	100	4 0
3% Punjab 1952	101	8 0
3% Madras 1952/53	100	6 0
3% U.P. 1952	100	8 0
3% C.P. 1952	100	8 0
3% N.W.P. 1952	100	0 0
3% U.P 1961/66	99	2 0

MUNICIPAL

3-1/4% 1977	98	12 0
4% B.P.I.	109	4 0
4% B Municipality	109	0 0
5% B Municipality	113	0 0
5% B Municipality 1954	112	0 0

Bullion Market Closed

BOMBAY, Dec. 18.

There being election of the Board, no business was done on the Bullion Exchange today. Nominal quotation of silver was Rs. 185 and gold was quoted at Rs. 107/12.

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 18.

The local produce market was firmly steady with moderate business. Rajkot Castorseeds were quoted at Rs. 263-2. Quotations in the local market were as under:

GROUNDNUTS

Khandesh quality	Rs. 45	6 0
December	45	4 0
Madras ready	45	2 0
January	45	0 0
Bold December	44	3 0
Bold January	44	1 0
Bold Feb-March	44	9 0
Ready Mills Oil	25	0 0
Upcountry Receipts	24	6 0
January	23	11 0

LINSEED

Ready	42	10 0
February-March	43	4 0
Satna Spot	41	4 0

CASTORSEEDS

Madras ready	45	0 0
February-March	43	2 0

Indian Stock Exchange

BOMBAY, Dec. 18.

Tata Ordinary 368, Tata Deferred 1922-8, Indian Iron 32-10-6, Steel Corpn. of Bengal 23-7, Bombay Dyeing 1060, Central India 267, Gokak 254-8, Kohinoor 348, Simplex 280, Swadeshi 320, Tata Power 1622-8, Associated Cement 178, Belapur 282-8, Bombay Burma (Old) 492-8, Scindia 16-4, Central Bank 80, New India 67-8, Tata 2nd Pref. 139.

POSITION OF SCHEDULED BANKS

The following is the statement of the position of Scheduled Banks as at the close of business on the 8th December:—

	Rs
Demand Liabilities in India	
(i) Borrowings from banks	17,45,81,000
(ii) Other demand liabilities	579,85,56,000
Time Liabilities in India	
(i) Borrowings from banks	1,59,27,000
(ii) Other time liabilities	278.67,73.000
Cash in India	
(i) Currency notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes	30,29,40,000
(ii) Rupee Coin	1,84,74,000
(iii) Subsidiary Coin	65.07,000
Balances with Reserve Bank	74,80,34 000
Advances in India	404.57.12.000
Bills discounted in India	13,29,68,000

SHIPPING NEWS

Sailings and arrivals of steamers working under the Agency of Messrs. Volkart Brothers will be as under:—

LOADING VESSELS

U. S. ATLANTIC PORTS

M/S "Hoegh Silvercloud" due 7-2-51 load for Halifax, Boston, New York, Philadolphia, Baltimore Norfolk Charleson, Savannah, Galveston, Houston and New Orleans.

U. S. PACIFIC PORTS

M/S "Hoegh Trader" due 16-1-51 loads for Colombo, Penang, Port Swettenham, Singapore, Indonesia, Manila, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver.

AUSTRALIA

M/S "Hoegh Silverlight"- End January- early February 51 loads for Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Freemantle. Also for Auckland, Dunedin, Lyttleton and Wellington with transhipment at Sydney-Melbourne.

CONTINENTAL PORTS

S/S "Lekkerkerk" due 30-12-50 loads for Aden, Port Said, Genoa, Marseilles, Barcelona, Le Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Bremen. Also for Gothenberg, Copenhagen, Oslo with transhipment at Rotterdam.

S/S "Lissekerk" Mid January loads for Aden, Port Said, Genoa, Marseilles, Barcelona, Le Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Bremen. Also for Gotherberg, Copenhagen, Oslo with transhipment at Rotterdam.

S/S "Ceram" End January early February loads for Aden, Port Said, Genoa, Marseilles, Barcelona, Le Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Bremen. Also for Gothednberg, Copenhagen, Osla with transhipment at Rotterdam.

S/S "Gregers Gram" due 27-12-50 loads for Marseilles, North African Ports. North French Ports.

DISCHARGING VESSELS

From U. S. ATLANTIC PORTS: SS "Amstelveen" 16th December 1950, SS "Zeeland" 26th December 1950, MS "Hoegh Silverstream" 22nd January 1951, MS "Salawati" 15th January 1951.

From U. S. PACIFIC PORTS: MS "Hoegh Trader" 19th December 1950, MS "Silverash" 12th January 1951.

From AUSTRALIA: MS "Hoegh Silverlight" 6th January 1951. MS "Hoegh Silvercloud" 7th February 1951.

From NORTH CONTINENTAL & MEDITERRANEAN PORTS: SS "Ceram" 20th December 1950, SS "Leopoldskerk" 28th December 1950. SS "AMSTELVAART" 7th Jaunary 1951.

Central Bank Of India, Ltd.

The following is the Statement of Liabilities and Assets of the Central Bank of India, Ltd., for the fortnight dated 30th November:—

LIABILITIES

	Rs.
Capital Subscribed	5.76,66,000
Capital Paid-up Ordinary Shares	2 62,12,000
Capital Paid-up Ordinary 'A' Shares	52,42,000
Reserve and Other Funds	
Reserve Fund	3.16.28,000
Contingency Fund	40.00,000
Sinking Fund in respect of Lands and Buildings	38,40.000
Deposits. Debts due to Banks and Agents, Bills Payable, etc.	1,27,45,06,000
Sundries including Branch Adjustments	25,42,22.000
Rs.	1,59,96,50.000

ASSETS

	Rs.
Cash Credit and Overdrafts on Government and other Authorised Securities	28 93.61.000
Loans on Government and other Authorised Securities	7,26,20,000
Bills Discounted	6.82,28.000
Lands and Buildings	99.26.000
Sundries including Branch Adjustments	20,17.75.000
Cash in hand. at Banks, Moneys at Call and Investments in War Bonds. Government Paper, Treasury Bills, Shares, Debentures, etc.	95.77.40.000
Rs.	1,59,96,50.000

Art Silk Yarn

BOMBAY, Dec. 18.

120 Ready Japan	8	6 0
150 Ready Japan	8	6 0
120 Ready Italy	7	12 0
150 Ready Italy	7	12 0
150 D Box Jan.	1542	
150 D. Box Feb.	1537	

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY. Dec. 18.

MILLS—
A Advance 221-4
Apollo 3-4-6 3-5 3-4-6
Bharat 27-12 23-4
B Dyeing 1050 46-4 65 56-4 61-4 57-8 60
C India 269 65-8 68 66-2 67
Century 282-8
Colaba 77-4
Elphinstone 62
E Textiles 285-10 87-8
Finlay 290 94 92
Gokak 252 55 53 54-8
I. U. Defd. 2-4 2-5 2-4-6
" Ord. 13-13 13-15 13-14 14 13-14
Indore 142-8 41-4 56-4 51-4 53-12 52-8
Khatau 187-8
Kohinoor 346-8 45-8 49 46-8 48
Laxmi 605 (Ex-Div.)
Madhusudan 151-4 55 51-4
Meyer 87 92
Minerva 134-6
Model 150 52-8
Morarji 185
New City 197-8
New Great 176 74
Podar 147-8 46-4 50-10
Sassoon Cotton 27
Simplex 280 77 80 78 80
Svadeshi 321 17-8 22-8 18-8 20
Tata Mills 55 54 54-4
Swan 370
Vishnu 202-8
B. Steam 268-12 70
Scindia 16-14 16-9-8 17 16-13-6 16-14

BANKS—
Baroda 128
Central 80
" New 80-8 80
Imperial 1990 92-8
" New 491-4
India 178-8
Union 7-3 7-2
U Commercial 46

ELECTRICS:—
Ahmedabad 115/10 16/4
Ahmedabad New 112
Andhra 1470 67/8 70
B. Suburban 148/12 50 48/12
Surat 141/4
Power 1625 22/8
Power Pref 1352/8 50
I. Mercantile 41/8
New India 68 67/8

STEELS:—
B Steel 23/6 23/3 23/8 23/7
I. Iron 32/9 32/7 32/13 32/10 32/10/6
Tata Defd 1912/8 11/4 28/12 21/4 25/4 16/4 22/8
Tata Ord. 367 65/4 69 67 68
2nd Pref 138/4 39

MISCELLANEOUS:—
Alcock 350 51/4 50
A.C.C. 176/12 78/4 77/12 78/4 78
Belapur 285 84 85/8 84
B.B. Old 502/8 492/8 95 92/8
B.B. New 162/8 61/4
B.B. Petrol 1/10 1/10/6 1/9/3
B.I.C. 9/7 9/6/6 9/7/6 9/7
I. Copper 3/3 3/4 3/2/6 3/3
P. Const. 129/8 28/8 30 29/8 29/12
P. 2nd Pref 99/8
Shivrajpur 57 58 57/8 58
Tata Chem. 14/10 14/14 14/13 15/5
Tata Oil 45 45/8 44/8 45/8 45
Walchandnagar 176/4
Wimco 268/12 68/2

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 18.

B. C. Rates T. T. D.D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.
B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months.
London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 31/32 Ready.
London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.
London Banks Buying T.T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month.
London Banks Buying T.T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month.
London Banks Buying D.D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month.
London Banks Buying D.D. 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month.
London Banks Buying D.D. 1/6 1/8 7th-9th Month.
London Banks Buying 60 and 90d/st. 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month.
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month.
London Banks buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th-9th Month.
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month.
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month.
London Banks Buying 120 d st 1/6 7/32 7th-9th Month.
New York B. C. Rate T. T. D. D. Rs. 478-1/4 Montreal Rs 459.
Banks Selling T.T D.D. Rs 477-1/2 Montreals Rs. 458-1/4.
Banks Buying T.T. Rs. 475 Montreal Rs. 448-1/2.
Banks Buying D. D Rs. 472-1/2 Montreal Rs. 446-1/4.
Banks Buying D.D. Rs. 473-3/4 L/C Montreals Rs. 447.
Paris Banks Selling T.T. Fcs. 7250.
Paris Banks Buying T.T. Fcs. 7500.
Amsterdam Banks Selling T.T.D.D. Fl. 79.
Belgium Banks Selling T.T.D.D. Fcs. 1033.
Switzerland Banks Selling T.T.D.D. Fcs. 90 1/4.
Java Banks Selling T.T.D.D. Glds. 79.
Hongkong Banks Selling T.T.D.D. Rs. 83 1/4.
Singapore Banks Selling T.T.D.D. Rs. 157.
Manila Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 238 3/4.
New York/London Cross Rate dol. 2.79 7/8 to 2.80 1/8.
London/Alexandra Cross Rate Pia 97 1/4-3/4; London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.63-65; London-Bangkok Cross Rate Tel. 35. London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 139.90-140.10; London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36; London/Hong Kong Cross Rate 1/2 27/32-1/2 15/16, London/Iran Cross Rate Rl. 89.40-91.00; London/Java Cross Rate Fl. 10.63-65; London/Karachi Cross Rate 2/1.84-2/1.94; London/Lisbon Cross Rate Es. 80.35; London/Manila Cross Rate Pes. 5.60-65; London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 2.94-2.94-1/4 London/New York Cross Rate dol. 2.79 7/8-2.80 1/8; London/Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02; London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 979-981; London Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/16-2/4 3/16; London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14/47-50; London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 12.23 12.26
London Discts. 3 Mos. 11/16 p.c.
London Discts. 6 Mos. 7/8 p.c.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money: Call 1/2 per cent 3 Mos 1 per cent, 6 Mos 1-1/4 per cent. 12 Mos. 1-1/2 per cent.
Tone: Easy.

Calcutta Shares Firm

CALCUTTA, December 18.

Market continued firm round all sections and large and extensive transactions were put through round them.

Following are todays final transactions upto 3-0 p.m.:—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three per cent loan 1986 93/2 three per cent loan 1959-61 99/12 three per cent loan 1970/75 97 2 s o lot four per cent loan 1960/70 108/6 s lot.

BANKS: Bharat 2/10 s o lot Calcutta National 11/13 Hindustani Commercial 17/12.

COTTONS: Elgin Mills 17/8 Bengal Nagpur 20/1 New Victoria ordy. 2/4.

COALS: Amalgamated 35/12 Bengal 553, Borrea 39/8 Central India 6/1 Churulia 4/18; Equitable 51/12, Sendra 25 Talcher 2/11 Burrakur 144 Central Kurkend 23 s o lot East Indian 43/12 ex div North Damuda 9/6, Standard 22/13 Western Bengal 6/13.

JUTES: Auckland 155 Barnagore 257 Bervedere 320, Budge Budge 250, Champdany 192 Cheviot 273 s l Dalhousie 202, Delta 268, Fort Gloster 457, Howrah 36/6, India 208, Lansdowne 209, Megna 173 National 28/14 Presidency 6/15 Ganges 375 Nuddea 81 Reliance 24/11.

ENGINEERINGS: Braithwaite and Co. 10 Burn and Co. 303 s lot Indian Iron 32/10 Indian Standard Wagon ordy. 89/8 Jessop and Co. 19/2 Kumardhubi Eng. 7/11 Marshalls 8/10 Saran Eng. 9-11 National Iron 4/13, Textile Machinery 6/14.

MISCELLANEOUS: Aluminium Corp. 7/5 Burma Corp. 2/12 Consolidated Tin 1/12 Indian Copper 3/4. Tavoy Tin annas fourteen Assam Bengal Cement 8-8 Dalmia Cement 4/13 Sone Valley Cement 7/4 Alkali and Chemical 14/15 Angelo Bros. 32/14 Bararee Coke 24/2 Bharat Airways 3 British Ceylon Corp. 12/5, BIC 9/6, Eastern Investment 151/8, Jardine Henderson 166/8 Martin Burn 16/13 National Tobacco 19 Rohtas Industry 5/8 British Burma Petrol 1/11 Bengal Paper 59 India Paper Pulp 178 Shree Gopal Paper 12.3, Titaghur Paper 29/6 Assam Saws 8.6 India Steamship 7/11. Sugars Carew and Co. 9/10, Cawnpore 29/6 Ramnugger Cane 15/2.

TEAS: Banarhat 375 cum div Bateli 14, s o l Central Cachar 93 Dauracherra 9 ct Dunseri 10/10 Huldibari 26/12 Jutlibari 11/10. Moheema 5/8. Singell 52 s lot Singtom, Tezpore 26/8.

Cheques Cleared

Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending the 14/12 were as under:

Number of Cheques	180213
Amount of Cheques	Rs. 49,04,22,860-6-6

Gangman Run Over By Train

SECUNDERABAD, Dec. 18 (UPI): A gruesome accident took place on Sunday at Sithaphalmandi, a suburb of Secunderabad, when a gangman working on the railway track came under the wheels of a running train meeting instantaneous death.

HAPUR MARKETS STEADY

Pulses Rule Firm

(From Our Own Correspondent)

HAPUR, Dec. 16.

The foodgrains markets remained steady. The rising trend in prices induced District authorities to interfere and see that unauthorised price deals in grains are checked and hoarded stocks unearthed. The position in the esatern districts is officially recognised to be particularly difficult. Rains are badly needed all over the State. Recently sown Rabi crops have made slow progress.

Maize and bajra will now supplement coarse grains in ration. That would give great relief to the consumers as the two cereals are commonly used in the winter. The pulses markets have reacted bullishly to this unsatisfactory food situation. There has been some advance in the 'futures' quotations. In the ready section small offtake kept the price level unchanged.

The following are today's quotations: Gram 17-4, maize 18-4, bejhar 15, peas ord 15-8, white 18, Mangsir 15-8, Jeth 14-10-7, arhar 15, Jeth 14-14, urd 18-6, moong 17-8 to 19, masoor 22.

GUR MARKET

The gur market remained steady in the first instance when unauthorised high prices had become a common feature. But when the authorities freezed gur stocks and threatened prosecution for black marketeers, there was the desired effect. Not all the gur was disposed off during the last two days. The Hapur Gur Dealers Syndicate has directed all its member traders not to carry and deal in gur at a price higher than 18-5. Arrivals were erratic from 1500 to 4000 maunds on different days. There were continued despatches to deficit areas although the wagon supply has not become normal. There is no gur stock accumulation here. For the last two days gur is quoted here from 18-5 to 19 per maund.

SEEDS AND OILS

The market remained quiet to steady. There was no change in the rapeseed and mustard oil prices as there was little trading. There was no increase in the supply of seeds nor in the demand for mustardoil. Groundnut, castorseed and linseed prices improved further on increased export demand while oilcake prices improved on increased internal demand for manure purposes. The following air ethe current market rates: sarson 32/8 taraseed 25/12 to 27/8 groundnut 19/- to 25/- oilcake 13/- mustardoil 85/ and linseedoil 64/-.

Guwar futures: The market gained good strength in sympathy with grain markets but towards the end of the sessions slightly improved prospects of an India Pakistan trade agreement induced some speculative liquidating reacting bearishly on prices. Current prices are: guwar ready 12/4 fagan 11/6/1 Baishak 12/9

Nonferrous metals: The market remained very steady and a further advance in prices in many sections was recorded this week. The deterioration in the Korean war situation prompted speculative buyings. Current prices are: brass 1/15 copper 2/- zinc 2/4 patra 2/13 kausi 4/1/6 lead 1/7 chakka 2/7 gillet 1/14/9 aluminimum scrap 1/9/6. per seer.

BULLION

The market remained steady in sympathy with deteriorating international political situation. Gold declined following a sharp fall in Hongkong market. There was moderate turnover. Silver 185/4 Gold 108/8.

AHMEDABAD STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent).

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 18.

The following are the quotations in the Ahmedabad Stock Exchange: Closing: Calico 323-8, Ambika 364-8, Arvind 879, Defd. 1925, New Shorok 637, Vivakanand 170, New Manekchowk 175, Marsden 157, Commercial (old) 727-8, Bihari 215, Bhalakia 116-4, Ramkrishna 230, Rohit 116-4, Lal 245, Atul 116.

Calico opened at 323 (high 325-8, low 321) and closed at 323-8. Amolka opened at 361 (high 367, low 363) and closed at 364-8. Arvind opened at 860 (high 900, low 880) and closed at 879. Defd. opened at 1917 (high 1930, low 1913) and closed at 1925. New Shorok opened at 632 (high 640, low 635) and closed at 637.

After the expectation of war, there was bullish tendency in market.

Madras Share Bazar

MADRAS, December 18.

Following are today's quotations:

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three per cent Government of India Paper 93 three per cent Government of India 1966/68 97/14 three per cent Government of Travancore 1952/54 101/-, three per cent Government of Madras 1960 98/96.

BANKS: Travancore 13.

ELECTRICS: Cochin State 9/4.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Deccan 17/14 Mysore 46, Travancore 6/8.

PLANTINGS: Blue Mountain 3/2 Chandramalai 2/11 Chembra 5/1 Cochin Malabar 8/2 Cons Coffee 20/2 Coorg Tea 7/2 Devashola 17 Highland Produce 26/12 Mailas 2/3 Kalasa 13/3 Midland 8/2/6 Neelamalai 3/12 Nellianpathy 1/12/6 nil Neerugundi 5/7 Nilgiri Tea 11/6 Ouchtelony 7/10 Peermade 58/8 Periakaralaia 37 Pullangode 2/3/6 Rajagiri 6/12 Rajagiri pref. 7/6 Sheeroy 1/7/6 Teekoy 3/14 Thirumbadi 3/8 T R and T Co. 8/5/6 Vaikundam 13/4 Waterfall 3/5/6.

TEXTILES: Balasubramania 47 Bang Woollen 275 Buckingham 144 ditto pref. 19, Cambodia 12/12 Coimbatore cm 172 Coimbatore Spg. 59 Dhanalakshmi 272/8 Janardhana 86 Lakshmi 85/8 Madura 36/8 Mettur 385, Mysore Silk Filature 4/5 Mysore Sun 8/2 Pankaja 91 Radhakrishna 151 Rajalakshmi 91 Ranga Vilas 58 Trav Rayons 5/2 Trichinopoly 14/4 Vasanta 133/4.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 72 Sait 7 India Cement 15/14 Mysore Chem. Fert 9/8 Mysore Paper 13/1.

MACHINE TOOL INDUSTRY

LARGE UNSOLD STOCKS

Mr. M. B. Jambhekar, the President of the Association made at the Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Association held in Bombay on Monday said:—

Since we last met in Coimbatore in October, 1949, the condition of the Indian machine tools industry has undergone considerable change. Unfortunately these tales have now become a permanent feature with my speeches every year, but it cannot be helped. Every year we hopefully look at the horizon to discern signs of changing times for the better, but in spite of our best efforts conditions are worsening year after year. In fact if anything has happened, it is that our condition has further deteriorated.

The vast accummulation of unsold stocks of machine tools is still facing us. Although we have tried our level best to bring our precarious position to Government's attention, apart from assurances of help nothing concrete has been done to assist us. Government have not yet realised that no Industry, much less the machine tools industry, can hope to work successfully when a large portion of its paid-up capital is locked up in unsold machine tools.

In a high level conference held in New Delhi, machine tool manufacturers brought this to Government's attention. We were asked to submit a memorandum outlining our difficulties and making concrete suggestions for assistance. This was done as early as 19th August 1950, and Government's assistance was requested for the retention and financing of unsold stocks of machine tools. Although nearly four months have passed, I very much regret to observe that we have received no reply from Government, although a couple of reminders have been sent. This is in spite of the fact that even the Hon'ble Minister for Industry and Supply appreciated the precarious conditions of the Industry and promised early steps to ameliorate its condition.

During the year under review all Grade I manufacturers reported that satisfactory progress was being maintained in the planning and manufacture of new and improved types of machine tools. Mysore Kirloskar

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CONTROLS HELP TO KEEP THE PEACE

Mr Mahatab's Defence In Parliament

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18 (PTI).

PARLIAMENT today sat an extra hour and passed the Supply and Prices of Goods Bill moved by the Minister of Industry and Supply Mr. Hare Krushna Mahatab.

The Bill seeks to replace the Ordinance of September last to control the prices of such goods as bicycles, bicycle parts and accessories, cycle tyres and tubes, electric bulbs, caustic soda, soda ash, tanning materials raw rubber, casein and infants food.

The Minister said that the Ordinance had worked satisfactorily.

The issue of control and decontrol again cropped up. Mr. Mahatab told critics, "in spite of so much discontent on account of non-availability of consumer goods, if there is peace in this country, it is because of the system of controls. Otherwise there would be riots and lawlessness."

Mr. Mahatab referred to the "considerable agitation" for raising the price of rubber and said Government hoped to come to a decision in a day or two. He could not say at this stage whether the price would be raised, and if raised to what extent.

Earlier, the House passed the Finance Minister Mr. C. D. Deshmukh's Indian Income-Tax Amendment Bill. The Bill has been necessitated by the interpretation of the Supreme Court that for the purpose of income-tax deductions, the wording in the original Act could include taxes imposed by local authorities. The Bill ensures that there would be no such encroachment on central revenues.

This brought to the fore the role of the judiciary. Mr. Deshmukh said that if the Courts' interpretation did not agree with the intention of the House, it was open to the House in appropriate cases to pass clarifactory legislation. Any such attempt actually betokened respect for the court and no disrespect, because by doing so the legislature recognised that the courts were the interpreters of the language that it had put in the statute. To say that the courts would feel hurt by such legislation would be to admit that the courts were the law-making body and not the legislature.

GURKHAS AND BRITISH ARMY

The United Kingdom Government have assured the Government of India that in future, recruitment of Gurkhas of Indian nationality to the British Army would be stopped, says a statement laid on the table in Parliament today by the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, Mr. Satyanarayan Sinha.

The statement which contains replies to certain supplementary questions asked during the first session of Parliament in 1950 says that "according to the tripartite agreement between Nepal, the United Kingdom and India, the British Army should have eight Gurkha battalions. It was further agreed that if the United Kingdom desired to increase the number of Gurkha troops it would be done only with the agreement of the Nepal Government and provided that it did not affect recruitment of Gurkhas to the Indian Army."

BORDER RAIDS

Other points arising out of replies given in the statement are:

There were in all 52 raids by Pakistanis and Pakistani Ansars on the border areas of Assam, Tripura and West Bengal between February 1, 1950 and March 21, 1950. Five Indian nationals were killed during such raids.

The amount paid to the consulting firm in connection with the Government Housing Factory in Delhi upto March 31, 1950 was £19,460. The amount claimed by the firm was £31,900.

The number of telephones assembled in the Posts and Telegraphs workshops during 1949-50 was 9,229.

The Government have considered the question of introduction of a compulsory insurance scheme for Central Government employees on the lines of the Madras Government's scheme and dropped it as they do not regard it as worthwhile and feasible so far as their servants are concerned.

SPIES

Two hundred and thirteen cases of spying have been detected in West Bengal since the disturbances in East Bengal. The accused persons have been dealt with under the ordinary law of the land. They were charged with collection of information about important installations on the railways, disposition of troops and police forces on border, location of aerodromes and military camps and rousing communal passions.

No additional staff has been employed in any Ministry solely on the work connected with questions in Parliament. According to a rough conservative estimate a sum of Rs. 1 92,900 was spent for collecting material for replies to questions on behalf of the various Ministries in the calendar year 1948. In 1949, the amount was Rs. 2,43.400.

The total number of non-Gazetted staff (other than technical), including class four staff, retrenched since August 15, 1947 is 65,697. As against this new recruitment of similar staff during the same period total 1,54,840. Out of these the number of the retrenched staff reemployed is 15,846.

BENGAL BORDER INCIDENTS

Chief Secretaries To Discuss Issue

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18 (PTI): The recent incidents on the border of West Bengal and Eastern Pakistan over the reaping and harvesting of paddy, in which there has been exchange of firing at times between the border police forces on either side, will be discussed at the coming conference of the Chief Secretaries of West Bengal and East Bengal to be held at Dacca on December 29, it is learnt here.

The District Magistrates of the two border districts, Nadia in West Bengal and Kushtia in East Bengal, met at Krishnagar (West Bengal) last weekend to devise means to put a stop to these incidents. But, it is stated, they failed to come to any solution of the problems and the matter will now be discussed on a higher level between the two Chief Secretaries.

The Chief Secretaries' Conference is also expected to discuss the terms of the Ordinance to be promulgated for extending the time limit for the return of migrants to take possession of their immovable properties from December 31, this year to March 31, 1951.

BASIS FOR NATIONAL PLANNING

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18 (PTI).—Planning in India can only be effectively carried out on a Socialist basis.

This is the opinion expressed in the editorial of the latest issue of the "Economic Review", official journal of the All-India Congress Committee. The editorial says: "The imperative need for a cohesive social and economic philosophy and large scale borrowing from Soviet methods and technique of planning can hardly be overemphasised.'

Focussing attention on Socialist objectives, the editorial says that in a "country like India if rapid all round progress is what is desired and if national planning is to be truly national, we can only plan under the impetus of socialist objectives."

Referring to the role of big business in planning, the editorial says: "The role of big business in India after Partition does not offer any ground for entertaining hopes of a large measure of co-operation in planning on the part of groups opposed to socialist doctrines. The industrial class now suspect and the Government did well in not selecting any of its representatives for membership of the Planning Commission. This class has given the impression that it does not like any control, which naturally has to be kept at the maximum in planned development."

CRASH IN VENEZUELA

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (PTI-Reuter): An air liner carrying 28 Venezuelan students crashed yesterday in rugged mountains near the city of Valera, southwest Venezuela, according to radio reports here Latest reports from Valera said there were some survivors. Rescue teams were being rushed to the scene of the crash.

News BRIEFS

SMALL POX: It is officially reported that there have been number of cases of small pox in different parts of South Malabar. During the period from November 26 to December 13 there were 34 attacks of which 13 provided fatal.

NEW SHERIFF: Mr. K P Goenka, former President of the Indian Chamber of Commerce has been appointed Sheriff of Calcutta in succession to Dr. S B Dutt, whose term expires on December 20. Mr. Goenka was also a Director of the Reserve Bank of India during 1946/48.

DECISION DEFERRED: Ceylon's Transport Minister, Sir John Kotelawala, after a conference with local railway drivers has deferred his decision on the proposal to recruit Indian and Pakistani engine drivers to fill a large number of vacancies existing at present in the Ceylon Government railway.

H. R. H the Aga Khan is expected in Rangoon on February 3 next and will spend about a week there.

It is reported that the Aga Khan has agreed to donate a gold cup for the Burmese racing and he will present it himself to the winner at the Rangoon Turf Club.

The Congress President, Mr. Purshottam Das Tandon, arrived in Lucknow by air from Delhi.

The Maharaja of Bhavanagar, Governor of Madras, returned to Madras by Air from Bombay after attending the funeral of Sardar Patel.

MEDICINAL HERB: The Jammu and Kashmir Government is undertaking extensive cultivation of Pyrethrum, a medicinal herb which is in great demand in America and other foreign countries.

EDUCATIONIST DEAD: Mr. Richard Little Hailes who served for many years with the Indian Educational Services died at his home in Hampshire on Saturday at the age of 72.

PARADE: About 1,000 shopkeepers of old Anarkali, Lahore, paraded the streets of Lahore on Sunday to protest against the Punjab Government's decision to realise rents from the holders of evacuee property

PILGRIMS MARCH: A batch of 200 Muslim pilgrims is proceeding to India from Pakistan on December 21 to visit the wholy shrine at Piran Kaliar Shareef in Uttar Pradesh.

KISANS' PLEDGE: The two-day open session of the Madhyabharat Provincial Kisan Conference held recently at Sueni, about two hundred miles from Indore, has resolved to form a united front of kisans to ameliorate the peasants' worsening conditions.

RUHR AUTHORITY: The International Ruhr Authority will meet specially on Wednesday to discuss reducing West Germany's December coal exports, an Allied official said in Bonn on Monday.

MAO WILL GO ON GIVING AID

BUDAPEST, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter): Communist China will not stop helping the North Koreans until "American aggression" ends, Chinese Deputy Premier Kuo Mo-jo declared in a special article for the Hungarian Communist Party newspaper Szabad Net.

Mr. Kuo, elected a member of the World Peace Council at the recent Warsaw Congress, came to Hungary two weeks ago as a delegate to the 125th anniversary of the Hungarian Scientific Academy. He added that this country stood ready to liberate Formosa and other Chinese territories.

Bertha Will Have All Freedom

SINGAPORE, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter): Sir Franklin Gimson, Governor of Singapore, has asked the British Government to make the "strongest representations" to the Dutch Government to keep a promise that Bertha Hertogh will be returned to Malaya if she wishes it or the Court of Appeal orders it.

He also asked Government to see that a nominee approved by the Muslim Advisory Board was appointed to find out whether Bertha wanted to return to Malaya.

The Muslim Advisory Board had presented two resolutions to Sir Franklin, asking him to see that the Dutch Consul-General's promise was kept if the Court of Appeal finally ruled that Bertha should return to Malaya.

MUSLIMS ARRESTED IN SINGAPORE

Action In Connection With Riots

SINGAPORE, December 18 (PTI-Reuter): The President of the Singapore Muslim League, Karim Ghani and Malay leaders Dr. Burhanuddin and Taha Kala were placed under detention today on the order of the Singapore Government.

They were detained under emergency regulations empowering the Colonial Secretary to take such action when necessary.

A Governmental official said today that the arrests were ordered "in connection with the situation arising from last week's riots" in which 17 people including six Europeans were killed and 200 injured.

INDIAN EDITOR ALSO

Indian-born Karim Ghani who is in his forties, edits an Indian language newspaper in Singapore. He came to Singapore in 1945 after the end of the war having edited a paper in Rangoon.

Mr. Ghani was associated with Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

BETTER ADMINISTRATION OF HINDU "MATHS"

Madras Assembly Passes Bill

MADRAS, Dec. 18 (PTI).

THE Madras Assembly passed today the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Bill after 18 days' debate.

The Bill enables Government to provide for the better administration and governance of Hindu religious and charitable institutions, including "Maths", and endowments in the State.

Area committees with three to five local citizens will be formed for each religious institution. There will be a Commissioner of Religious Endowments with Deputy and Assistant Commissioners to assist him. Powers are vested in these officials to inspect religious institutions and accounts maintained by them so as to prevent mismanagement. Provision has also been made for the utilisation of surplus funds of religious institutions for the establishment of educational institutions, hospitals and humanitarian homes for the exclusive benefit of the Hindu community.

According to official statistics, there are 184 major and 114 minor "Maths" and 12,232 major and 15,357 minor temples and about 700 specific endowments in Madras State. The Bill seeks to set up eventually necessary machinery for proper management of these institutions.

Dr. T. S. S. Rajan, Minister for Public Health, in charge of religious endowments, winding up the debate, said the measure vitally affected the people, their culture and beliefs. He clarified that there was no "political object' behind the legislation. He said similar enactments existed in some of the erstwhile Indian States.

Mr. K. Madhava Menon, Education and Law Minister, said the Bill did not attempt to oust the jurisdiction of courts as was criticised by some members. The provision in the Bill only sought to eliminate ruinous and wasteful litigation which had become the order of the day in religious institutions.

There was no fear of religion being in danger, he said but the Bill attempted "to squeeze out those who tried to destroy religion."

PAKISTAN WANTS EARLY PLEBISCITE IN KASHMIR

Zafrullah's Call To U.N.

LAKE SUCCESS, December 18. (PTI-Reuter).

PAKISTAN Foreign Minister Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan has asked the Security Council to reopen the debate on Kashmir.

The text of Sir Mohammed's letter to the Security Council reads: "I have the honour to invite your attention to the letter of September 15, 1950, from the U.N. representative for India and Pakistan to the president of the Security Council reporting on the failure of the mission entrusted to him by the Security Council resolution of March 14, 1950 to secure the demilitarisation of the State of Jammu and Kashmir preparatory to the holding of a plebiscite.

"Sir Owen Dixon's report has been with the Security Council for nearly three months and the people of Pakistan and of Kashmir are greatly concerned over the serious delay in dealing with the urgent and important matter.

"Almost three years have passed since the Security Council became seized of the Kashmir dispute and came to the conclusion that its solution lay in a free and impartial plebiscite to decide the question of the accession of the State of Jammu and Kashmir to India or to Pakistan.

"The holding of the plebiscite, however, is no nearer today than it was three years ago.

"PREJUDICING"

"In the meantime, the Government of India and the Maharaja's Government in Kashmir are taking steps to prejudice the holding of the plebiscite.

"A resolution was adopted by the All-Jammu and Kashmir National Conference of October 27, 1950, proposing the convening of a Constituent Assembly to determine the future shape and affiliations of the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

"According to a PTI report the Prime Minister of India welcomed this move and declared that the proposed Constituent Assembly would ratify the formal accession of the State to India.

"Later press reports indicate that a formal proclamation to hold elections to the proposed Constituent Assembly is about to be promulgated by the Maharaja's Government.

"This move by the Government of India and the Maharaja's Government seeks to nullify the international agreement between India and Pakistan embodied in the UNCIP resolutions of August 13, 1948 and January 5, 1949 and endorsed by the Security Council.

URGENT STEPS NEEDED

"I am to request that the Security Council should give urgent consideration to the Kashmir question and take measures to implement as soon as possible international agreement referred to above

"The Security Council is also requested to call upon India to refrain from proceeding with the proposal for a Constituent Assembly and from taking any other action that might prejudice the holding of a free and impartial plebiscite to determine whether the State of Jammu and Kashmir should accede to India or to Pakistan."

An Indian delegation spokesman had no comment to make.

NEW YORK READY TO FACE A-BOMB

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter): New York state has issued a "radiological service plan" to cope with areas contaminated by radiations from an atom bomb attack.

Colonel Lawrence Wilkinson, Director of the New York State Civil Defence Commission, announced it had been issued to civilian defence directors throughout the state.

New Guinea Problem Will Be Solved

DJAKARTA, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter): The Indonesian Foreign Minister Dr. Mohammed Roem said today that the situation at the Indonesian Netherlands conference on Western New Guinea was "difficult" but that "a deadlock can still be avoided."

Dr. Roem had just returned by air from Hague where he led the Indonesian delegtion at the conference.

Terrorist Trial In Damascus

DAMASCUS, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter) Ten men were charged before a military court here yesterday with plotting with a foreign neighbouring country against the State's security.

The court prevented the press mentioning the name of the foreign country and the foreign officials alleged to be involved.

Former Syrian Defence Minister Ahmad Sharabaty will face trial before the same court on Wednesday on charges of organising a terrorist organisation alleged to be responsible for an attempt on the life of the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Syrian Army Colonel Adeeb Shishakli.

Saudi Arabia is to be named in the second case as being allegedly involved.

MALAYAN RUBBER BURNT DOWN

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter): Fires today destroyed 200 tons of rubber valued at 700,000 Malayan dollars—about 82,000 sterling—.

The rubber which was stored four miles from Kuala Lumpur was to have been shipped today.

The cause of the fire was unknown but police said they did not rule out the possibility of mischief.

U.S. Must Be Ready For War, Says Sawyer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter): The United States Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Charles Sawyer, last night urged "all who influence public opinion" to prepare the American people to accept greater discipline for the mobilisation effort.

He made the plea in an interview on a television show.

Manpower was not a major problem now but might become one, Mr. Sawyer said.

CHINESE ILL-TREATED IN U.S.: KMT's PROTEST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter): The Nationalist Chinese Embassy here said yesterday that it had received reports of several cases of mal-treatment of Chinese nationals living in the United States by Americans 'who apparently sought to vent their feelings in protest against the Chinese Communist aggression in Korea"

In a statement the Embassy asked Americans to make a sharp distinction between Chinese residents in America and "the Communist regime which controls the Chinese mainland".

An Embassy spokesman said reports had been received of at least three cases of maltreatment of Chinese nationals in San Francisco and of several cases in New York.

Canada Will Not Follow U.S.: Freezing Of Assets

OTTAWA, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter): A Canadian External Affairs spokesman declared here that it was unlikely that Canada would follow the lead of the United States in freezing all the assets of Communist China in the dominion.

He told reporters yesterday that Canada would probably be more interested in any steps the United Nations might take on sanctions against China.

Chinese assets in Canada would be small compared to the 200 million dollars said to be in the United States, he added.

COTTON EXPERTS BACK IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter).

Sir Raymond Streat, Chairman of the British Cotton Board, arrived here today from Karachi with a team of Lancashire cotton experts.

Reds Release 10 U.N. Men

WITH THE BRITISH FORCES IN KOREA, Dec. 18 (PTI-Reuter).—Ten members of the United Nations forces released by their Communist captors made their way today to a South Korean patrol just north of the 38th Parallel.

The ten men—a lance corporal and two privates of the Northumberland Fusiliers, three Americans and four South Koreans—were captured by Communist guerillas three weeks ago in a battle 22 miles north of the 38th Parallel.

Their guards had treated them fairly well feeding them on rice balls, the staple ration of Korean soldiers.

All were fit apart from minor effects of exposure.

OVERSEAS TELEGRAMS: Overseas Comunications Service notify that following three offices in China are now opened for international telegraph traffic subject to usual restrictions, (1) Kiss in Sunkiang province, (2) Fusin in Liaosi, and (3) Tsian in Liaotung.

IN A CHINA SHOP

By Taurus

ALL these stories of "cures" affected by the Orissa cowherd's wonder drug do not surprise me in the least. No one can be more unmedicine-minded than I am. The other day I created quite a stir by mixing up prussic acid with nitric acid—in talk I mean—and a couple of doctor friends looked superciliously at me for my ignorance.

However, I must have been just about the age of the cowherd or a little older. One of the family was a doctor and the result was that there was one cupboard well-stocked with drugs. Our dhobi had a permanently sick look on his face and he was always bothering one or the other of us for some medicine. It did not matter which of us it was. He believed that, if one of a family had taken a medical course, some knowledge of the art must have come to the others. I may add that he is not the only one to nurse this illusion. But that is another story.

The Doctor was well out of the field, having secured employment in another town. The rest of the family had too much work on their hands to look at either the dhobi or me. I told the fellow that I had no time to entangle myself with medicine; I was reading to be a vakil and he should know it by looking at my book—probably "Robinson Crusoe". The man would not take "no" for an answer.

Finally, I condescended to treat him. Walking briskly to the medicine cupboard, I grabbed hold of a bottle of Tincture Asafoetida and the usual Cardimom Co and Vinum Ipecac. There was a medicine bottle, all neatly graded in six doses. This I filled, away from the dhobi's sight, at the municipal tap. I left about a twenty-fourth for the various things I was going to put into it. And then I put them all in and shook the bottle. There was still room for another ten drops. There was near at hand a bottle of Essence of Vanilla which was brought to the aid of the mixture.

I took off the cork and smelt the stuff. It was gloriously awful. No medical practitioner had ever put out such a concoction. And with all solemnity I handed it over and asked the dhobi to report after two days, warning him not to take more than three doses a day. He went away, looking already cured.

But my troubles began. Burdened by a terrible secret which I could share with no one, I walked about the house as a disembodied ghost. I was scared lest the patient should play me a dirty trick by dying on my medicine. I was, I said to myself with characteristic gloom, always an unlucky fellow. Why had I yielded to the importunities of our dhobi?

In the afternoon, my cares increased The Doctor had wired that he was returning next day. Another day and he and the dhobi would meet face to face. My plight can well be imagined. Before I had prayed desperately but single-mindedly that the man would get well. Now I did not know what to pray for. Alternate visions of facing the dock and facing the Doctor plagued me.

The Doctor came on Friday. The dhobi came on Saturday. He was looking very well and he was full of praise for my skill. I met him at the gate and begged him not to mention what I had done for him. I even said that if he spoke of it he would cease to benefit from the medicine. But he was not to be silenced. He said that I would make a fine doctor and he must tell the others about it. To think of such a physician being wasted on law, it was horrible. When once the neighbours heard of it, he said, I would not have a moment's rest. I was not thinking of the neighbours out of the family, who had not heard either of my medical skill or my legal intentions.

The blow fell in another half hour. Well, to cut a long story short, my family being no believers in miracle drugs and boy prodigies, I became neither doctor nor lawyer but a hard-working, much-abused journalist. But, whenever there is any case that baffles the doctors, I am asked in all contempt to "bring out my asafoetida." And the medicine cupboard has been well and truly locked.

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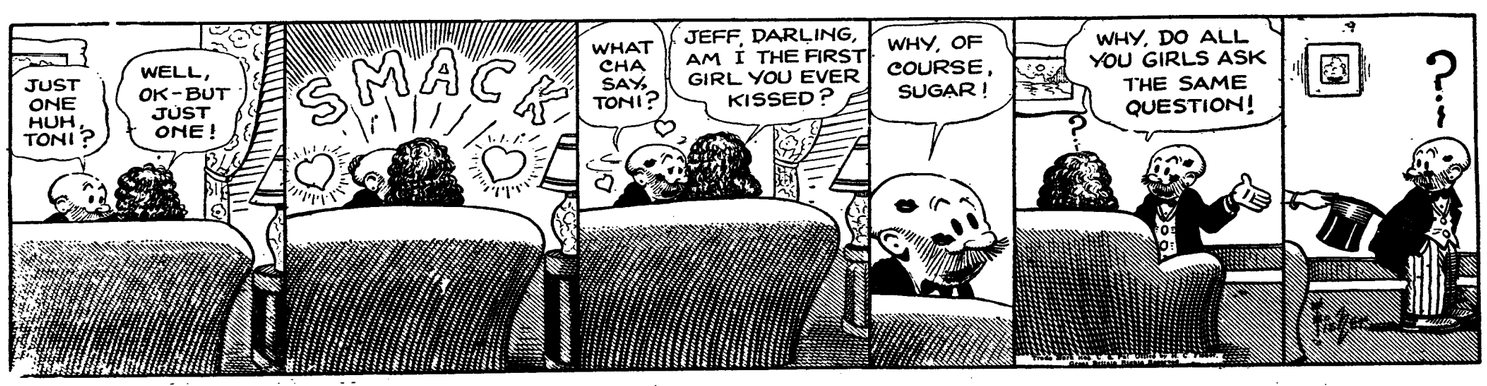
JUST ONE HUH, TONI?
WELL, OK-BUT JUST ONE!
SMACK
WHAT CHA SAY, TONI?
JEFF, DARLING, AM I THE FIRST GIRL YOU EVER KISSED?
WHY, OF COURSE, SUGAR!
WHY, DO ALL YOU GIRLS ASK THE SAME QUESTION!
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